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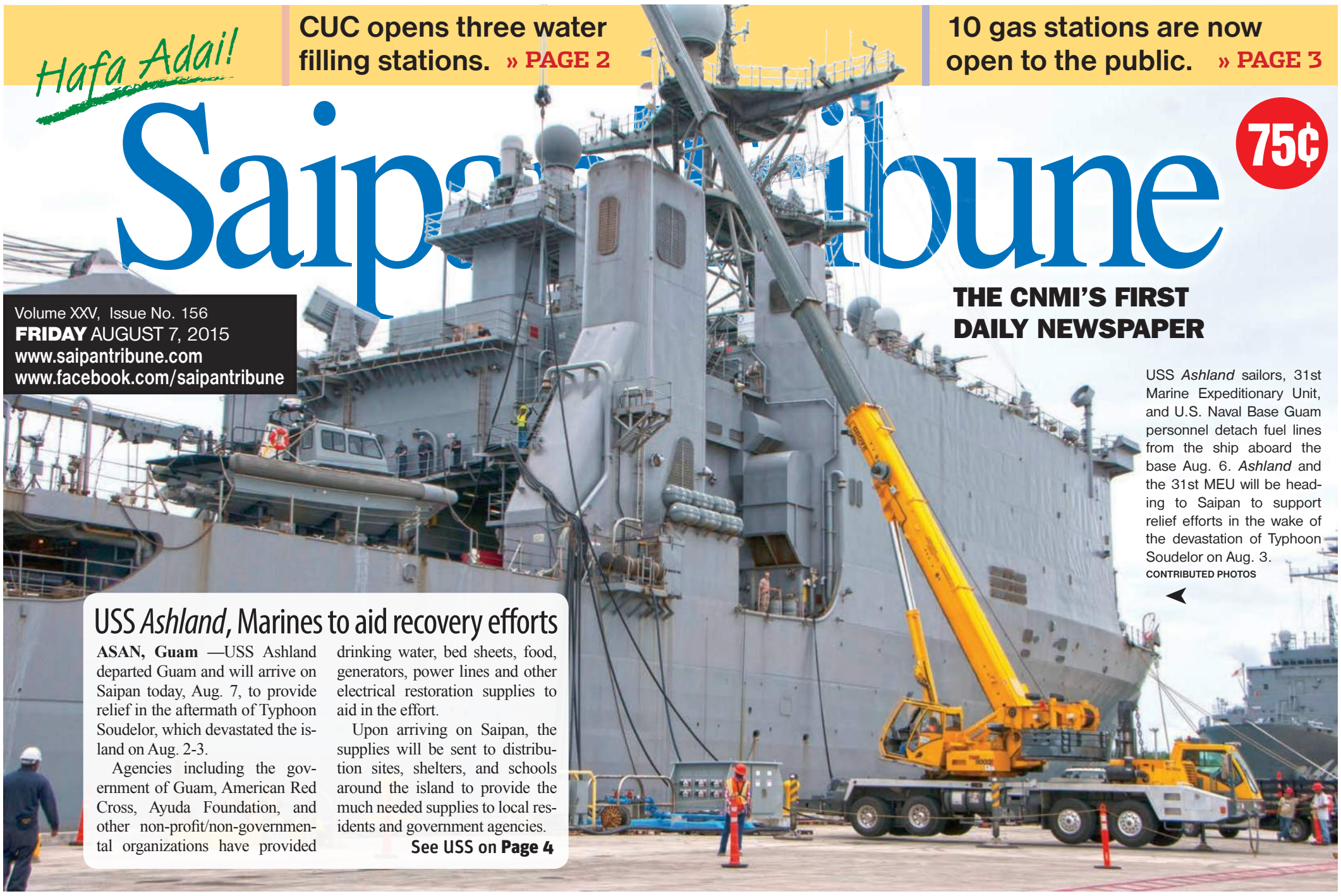

USS *Ashland* sailors, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, and U.S. Naval Base Guam personnel detach fuel lines from the ship aboard the base Aug. 6. *Ashland* and the 31st MEU will be heading to Saipan to support relief efforts in the wake of the devastation of Typhoon Soudelor on Aug. 3.
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USS *Ashland*, Marines to aid recovery efforts

ASAN, Guam —USS Ashland departed Guam and will arrive on Saipan today, Aug. 7, to provide relief in the aftermath of Typhoon Soudelor, which devastated the island on Aug. 2-3.

Agencies including the government of Guam, American Red Cross, Ayuda Foundation, and other non-profit/non-governmental organizations have provided drinking water, bed sheets, food, generators, power lines and other electrical restoration supplies to aid in the effort.

Upon arriving on Saipan, the supplies will be sent to distribution sites, shelters, and schools around the island to provide the much needed supplies to local residents and government agencies.

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Obama declares state of disaster

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The White House has declared that the CNMI is under a "state of disaster and significant emergency," a day after CNMI acting governor Ralph DLG. Torres sent a formal request to the Obama administration for an expedited major disaster declaration for the Commonwealth.

In a briefing, Torres confirmed that he received a phone call early Thursday from the Federal Emergency Management Agency Region IX informing him of the White House declaration.

"As of this morning, we have a phone call from FEMA Re-

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CUC to open Kagman water station today

» **CUC expects 3 week to a month for power restoration once FEMA-aid hits the ground**

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. will announce the opening of a Kagman water station today after opening three stations at their Agag, Capital Hill, and Kannat Tabla reservoirs yesterday.

"People are happy…," said acting CUC executive director John Riegel said.

Riegel commended the De-

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NWS: Wind forecasts were 'too low'

» **Resident records gusts of up to 214mph**
» **HSEM says there were enough warnings**

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The National Weather Service in Guam said they did not expect Typhoon Soudelor to be as strong as it was and that wind forecasts were "too low"—substantiating reports on the ground of stronger winds and speculations of those who woke up to Soudelor's destruction that the 120 miles per hour gusts that was earlier predicted was wrong.

"We did not expect the typhoon to be this strong when it hit Saipan," Chip Guard, Warning Coordination meteorologist of the NWS Forecast Office Guam told *Saipan Tri-*

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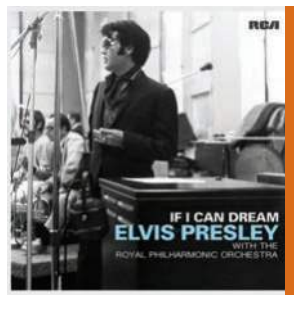

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Local

CUC opens three water filling stations

To deliver an immediate but limited solution to Saipan's water outage, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. was set to open a third water filling station to the public yesterday afternoon.

Starting at 3:30pm, CUC was set to provide up to 100 gallons of water per household per day at the Kanat Tabla reservoir. The site will remain open until 7pm.

CUC opened the first of four filling stations at the Agag reservoir at 10am and the second filling station at the Capital Hill reservoir at 3pm. The Agag filling station is scheduled to close at 5pm and reopen today, Aug. 7, at a time to be determined by CUC. The Capital Hill filling station is scheduled to close at 7pm and reopen today, Aug. 7, at a time to be determined by CUC.

"The water made available at the filling stations is strictly for non-commercial residential use. No water buffaloes will be filled. The water will also need to be sanitized before it can be used by the community through the use of chlorine bleach or boiling," CUC said in a statement.

CUC representatives will be at each site; however, customers will be required to fill their bottles and storage tanks on their own.

CUC will open four filling stations in total: Kanat Tabla and one additional source will be open until the supply in each of the reservoirs is depleted. The Agag and Capital Hill reservoirs will remain open as long as the pumping system is operational or until CUC achieves a more stable solution to Saipan's water needs. ***(CUC)***

CHCC sets Saipan-wide response to crisis

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The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. has activated its Saipan-wide crisis response in anticipation of a months-long recovery period for the island in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor.

CHCC and several of its response divisions such as the Department of Public Health and Community Guidance Center have set in motion what could be called an islandwide outreach.

However, in order to prioritize residents with serious injuries and medical conditions, the hospital is limiting "social admissions" to only those with oxygen dependency and who use oxygen concentrators that require electricity, and late-term pregnant women. Social admissions are for those that are non-patients but require some medical assistance.

CHCC will be having a mobile clinic that will be deployed today, Aug. 7, beginning at the Kagman High School shelter and will make its way from Kagman to San Vicente and continue to other shelters as time allows.

CGC has assembled a crisis response team through CHCC to develop a mental health outreach plan for the community following the devastating effects of Typhoon Soudelor.

Priority for CGC's response team is the emergency shelters. They will be deployed to the shelters to share strategies and activities that will promote mental and emotional wellness.

By next Monday, Aug. 10, four team will be going to Tanapag Middle School, Tanapag Head Start, and San Vicente Elementary School. On Tuesday they will visit Koblerville Elementary School and the Office on Aging. On Wednesday they will be at Kagman High School, Chacha Oceanview Junior High School, and the Kagman Community Center and on Thursday they will revisit the Aging office and SVES.

DPH is also informing families that have children enrolled in the Early Intervention Services, Shriners Program, and Newborn Hearing Screening Program, along with the H.O.M.E Visiting and WIC Program, that they will be mobilizing a van to visit families to provide some services and supplies.

DPH's Maternal and Child Health Bureau is locating families with children with special healthcare needs and will be visiting their homes today, Aug. 7, to provide assistance.

From Aug. 13 to 17, the MCH Bureau and WIC Program will be visiting the following shelters to provide WIC food benefits and other services to clients enrolled in their program.

- Aug. 10: Koberville Elementary and SVES
- Aug. 11: all Kagman shelters;
- Aug. 12: Tanapag Middle School and Head Start
- Aug. 13: Garapan Elementary School
- Aug. 14: Aging Office.

'Fuel concerns hampering community work'

Long queues and a cap on the amount of gasoline that can be bought from gas stations throughout Saipan is hampering ongoing community works, according to some lawmakers.

Rep. Vinson Sablan (Ind-Saipan), in a post on social media, said he has "two trucks working the community providing assistance."

"The thing is, I'm using my own personal vehicles (so no govt LP) to service the community and we are flying through $20 gas like nothing. Is there a way to have assisting vehicles gas more than $20?" Sablan said.

Aside from vehicles, Sablan said his staff also need gas for chainsaws and other equipment. "My office is providing public service but we can't work with $20 rations," he said.

Shell and Mobil have since raised the cap to $50 per customer.

Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan), who is also a member of the minority bloc, expressed his disappointment regarding water companies not being able to deliver water because of difficulties in securing gasoline.

"If water companies cannot get fuel to deliver drinking water to stores and to residents in villages, then our people will continue to suffer," Propst said. "Most of the roads are now cleared, so the only thing that is stopping deliveries is the fact that water company trucks have no access to fuel. Seriously?"

He is urging the government to allow water companies to "be prioritized and allowed to purchase fuel just like government emergency vehicles."

"We do not need FEMA or the federal government or the Red Cross to deliver water to our people. This does not require an act of Congress. It simply requires an executive order," Propst said.

He added that while "our hardworking front line personnel in multiple agencies bust their tails and work day and night in cleaning, clearing, cutting, replacing, repairing, and doing everything else in between, it is up to the Executive and Legislative Branch to provide the needed relief."

Propst vowed to dedicate "every dollar in our office funds to get water and food and supplies to our people in our villages." ***(Joel Pinaroc)***

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10 gas stations are now open to the public

IP&E opened five Shell stations on Saipan yesterday for the general public, while reserving one station for emergency vehicles only.

At the same time, Mobil Oil opened five service stations to the general public yesterday starting at 12pm, following progress on containing the situation at its Saipan terminal.

In a statement yesterday, IP&E said the five Shell stations that are now open to the public are Shell Puerto Rico, Shell Gualo Rai, Shell Highway Express, Shell Susupe, and Shell Airport. However, the Shell Airport station only has gasoline. The four others have both gasoline and diesel fuel. All five stations will be open to general public from 8am to 7pm.

The Shell Koblerville station is only open to government official emergency vehicles.

To ensure that fuel is available for all government emergency recovery vehicles and first responders, Shell Station operators will be limiting fuel sales to $50 per fuel transaction.

» 3 gas stations reserved for government emergency vehicles

The Mobil gas stations that are now open to the public are on Middle Road, Susupe, Koblerville, Tanapag, and Chalan Kiya. All stations will operate during daylight hours from 12pm to 6pm.

Each customer will be allowed to refuel their vehicle's tank and fill up to five gallons of fuel in an approved fuel container.

"We will continue to monitor the situation at the terminal and our service stations," the company said in a statement. "Please be assured that we have sufficient fuel supplies in Saipan."

Mobil will keep the BR Garapan and Kagman (only gasoline is available at this station) available for refuel only by emergency vehicles and essential services to facilitate relief and recovery work.

Shell Stations are working with the Department of Public Works and the Office of Homeland Security in this measure to provide assistance in stabilizing the island as safely and quickly as possible. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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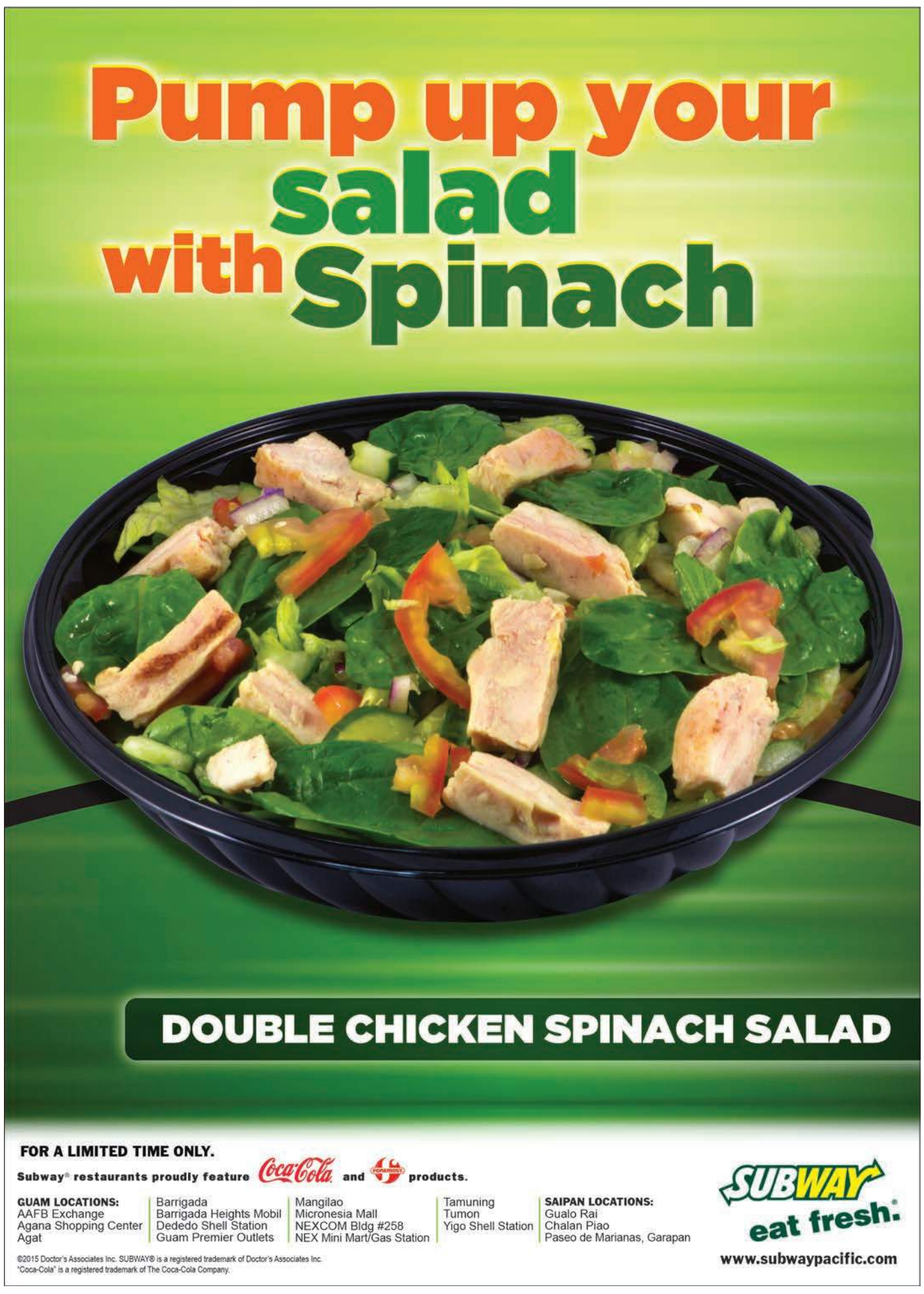

PSS to issue school schedule next week

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REPORTER

The Public School System should have a preliminary schedule ready for the start of classes by Monday, Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan said.

The Public School System has been assessing damage to their school in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor.

It's unclear right how school schedules will be altered as the recent typhoon has left Saipan's power grid crippled and water services limited.

PSS was set to start classes for Early Intervention, and classes for all grade levels K-12 on Aug. 25

» Start of private schools indefinite

Meanwhile, Saipan International School has targeted Aug. 17 as a start to school. Classes were supposed to begin Wednesday.

SIS principal Tim Bray said their school was not damaged too badly.

"We are currently cleaning and repairing and hope to have school by Aug. 17, but this obviously depends on many factors. The main issue is water. We can have school without power; it is painful but doable. On the other hand, we can't have school without water. Students and teachers have to be able to use the restroom," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Mount Carmel School president Galvin Deleon Guerrero has also informed students and parents that the opening date of the 2015–2016 school year for both Mount Carmel School and Sister Remedios Early Childhood Development Center has been postponed until further notice.

"We are currently assessing the damage to the school and monitoring updates on key infrastructure—power, water, communications—in order to determine when the school year will start. We hope to issue an announcement in this regard sometime next week," Guerrero said in a statement on their school Facebook page.

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bune yesterday.

"Our wind forecasts were the highest of the weather prediction agencies and they were too low," he added.

When asked about the actual measurements of the winds and gusts that Saipan experienced, Guard said they are not sure yet but that winds were stronger.

"We do believe that the winds were stronger but are not sure at this point how much stronger," he said.

Guard said the update of 105 miles per hour maximum winds and 120 miles per hour gusts "came in just a few hours before the storm struck."

Guard and another meteorologist, Dr. Mark Lander of the Water and Environmental Research Institute, will be visiting Saipan next week to conduct an assessment of the strength of the typhoon.

"We won't know the intensity of the typhoon until we assess the damages, look at all of the data, apply some hard science, and eventually determine the likely wind speed. It will most probably be a range of wind speeds and we hope to narrow that range. We do hope to have a good estimate soon," Guard said.

214 mph gusts

Dr. Tony Stearns, a long-time weather enthusiast who has a weather station set up at his residence on Capitol Hill for some years, was able to record way higher sustained winds and gusts when Typhoon Soudelor passed by Saipan Sunday night.

He said winds started picking up at 6pm with about 60 to 70mph gusts and an average of 50 to 70mph.

"And then the winds went down to 20 to 30 miles an hour range and I thought we may be having the eye passing us," Stearns said.

Half an hour later, Stearns noted the winds started picking up again from 30mph all the way to 140mph.

"Within about half an hour, sustained winds at 10-minute average were between 130 to 145 mph," Stearns said, noting the time between 11pm to midnight.

Given that Stearn's weather station records sustained winds at 10-minute average, it should have been lower than that of NWS as it observes sustained winds at one-minute averages, which gives roughly 12 percent higher values.

The maximum gust that Stearn's Davis weather station recorded was at 214 mph—almost double than that of the last update from NWS before Soudelor hit.

"I'm pretty sure it was accurate given the destruction that we have and what I know about the weather and what I've seen before at the weather station," Stearns told the *Saipan Tribune*.

Stearns also noted that their location may have contributed to the amount of wind that they received.

"We always know that we get more wind on Wireless [Ridge] than most of the people get because we're so exposed," he said.

Luckily, Stearn's station didn't get blown away while the gauges at the airport went down.

"The gauges over at the airport went down as the winds picked up and if you look online it stopped at about 91," special assistant for Homeland Security and Emergency Management Marvin Seman said.

"We feel that regardless of the wind, this storm made a great impact in the community," he added.

The Weather Service said they will be evaluating wind observations that were taken on Saipan.

"Many things have to be considered, especially with regards to the terrain. Saipan is a 'mountainous' location," Guard said.

Ear-popping pressure changes

Stearn's station was able to record pressure that was severely low at 934 millibars.

NWS wasn't also sure of how low the pressure got but they said it is one of the things that they will be trying to determine.

Aside from causing ears to pop, rapid changes in pressure also causes much damage to structures according to Guard.

"The rapid pressure changes come from the differences between the peak and lull of the wind gusts. That is what makes your ears pop. That is also what causes much of the damage to wooden and metal structures," Guard said.

Soudelor went from being a typhoon to super typhoon and became the strongest cyclone in the world this year after it passed the CNMI. It is now in the Philippine's area of responsibility on its way to Taiwan.

Enough warning

Asked if the government gave sufficient warning to the public prior to Typhoon Soudelor's arrival, Seman said "yes."

He noted that they set the Typhoon Conditions because they were expecting its strength. He added that the typhoon going through Saipan was "the biggest factor."

NWS noted that Soudelor's size was also unusual.

"The more unusual aspect of this storm was its very small size. The eye and the eye wall cloud were about 15 miles across total. Damaging winds did not extend much beyond that distance," Guard added.

CNMI was also directly hit by a strong typhoon, Super Typhoon Kim, in December 1986 and Typhoon Jean in 1968.

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partment of Public Safety for helping with traffic control.

"Their office has been a tremendous help," he said.

CUC started serving residents at Agag at 10am. They closed at 5pm.

The Capital Hill station, which opened at 3pm, and Kanat Tabla station, which opened around 4pm, were open until 7pm.

As a precautionary measure, Riegel advises customers to first either treat the water with bleach or boil it before using it.

Power restoration

Once Federal Emergency Management Agency aid hits the ground, Riegel said they would start power and water restoration as soon as possible.

Riegel said that power restoration would probably take three weeks to a month.

FEMA Region 9 director of external affairs John Hamill said yesterday the local government's priorities are power and water restoration.

FEMA federal coordinating officer Stephen DeBlasio said this "more permanent work" for the restoration of power infrastructure will be reimbursed by the federal government.

Hamill said generally it was a cost-share effort—70 percent federal and 30 percent local funds.

"That can change depending on the capacity of the local government," he said.

Larissa Paschyn, FEMA's Incident Management Assistance Team external affairs leader, said, "Where they do and what they do first" will be based on the direction of the CNMI government.

"We will be the support for the local government. [For] those rapid needs, we go based on what CNMI asks us to go to first," she said.

Riegel said that, with help from the Guam Power Authority, they have assessed and completed an inventory of damage to CUC from the destructive Typhoon Soudelor and have sent their requests to FEMA.

"It's a very extensive list," Rigel said.

"We are attacking it parallel. We are working on a dual track" to restore both power and water services, Riegel said.

"We requested 10 generators to put in the most critical locations [for water supply]. The next step is to build supply in tanks and release water to the community in limited hours a day," he said.

Riegel said they "haven't been told a specific date" for when generators from Guam will arrive but expects by early next week to have supplies hit the ground.

FEMA officials first reported the arrival of 10 generators from Guam for Thursday night or Friday morning, but Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan said yesterday that 11 generators would arrive on Saturday.

Hamill said the number reported "is a dynamic number."

Riegel said whether FEMA-ordered generators arrive today or Monday, CUC would work to restore water as soon as they come in.

According to Riegel, Typhoon Soudelor downed "closer to 300" power poles across the island.

Riegel said Power Division manager Gary Camacho completed the inventory. A total of 250 downed poles were the last confirmed count.

Riegel said transformers were broken from falling and striking the ground.

Power Plant 1—CUC's main plant—was put offline after the storm.

"The wind tore off sections of the roof. Two of the walls—north and east facing walls—allowed all the rain to come in and got into the generators," Riegel said.

GPA assessed the generators to see if they needed replacement or could be dried out.

Riegel said they would be drying out the generators.

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gion IX assuring me of the great news that President Obama has approved the declaration of a state of disaster," Torres said.

The declaration triggers the release of federal funds to help the islands recover from Typhoon Soudelor, which hit Saipan and Tinian last weekend.

Torres cited a timeline of event starting on Monday in which he declared state of disaster in the CNMI.

"By Monday and Tuesday we conducted an aerial survey throughout the island and made our rough estimate. We then wrote a letter to President Obama [on Aug. 4] requesting the assistance that we need because of the state of disaster," Torres said, adding that FEMA has been "with the CNMI government since Day One."

Torres also assured the public that assistance is "forthcoming as we speak" and that the government and FEMA "will be looking at strategic areas to start."

Typhoon Soudelor whipped through the islands last Sunday, bringing with it winds that were estimated near 100 miles per hour.

The final cost of the damage has not been confirmed yet. A team of FEMA representatives will have to validate the preliminary assessments upon indicating a final number.

Also, according to federal officials, they are still reviewing the requests for individual assistance, which provides funding to help families whose homes were damaged or destroyed by Typhoon Soudelor.

Lead agency

Stephen DeBlasio, appointed to serve as federal coordinating officer for FEMA, said the federal government is "bringing its entire capabilities" and that "FEMA is the overarching coordinator" for assistance programs authorized by President Barack Obama's declaration.

He explained that assistance for households will be available for Saipan, while public assistance and hazard mitigation assistance will be made available for Saipan, Rota, and Tinian.

FEMA has also released an advisory on how individuals can apply for the assistance. ***See story on Page 6***

DeBlasio is encouraging the CNMI public to register to "first get in the system, get a control number, then go to the designated recovery center to be provided more information on the assistance."

More assistance

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Ind-MP) said he also received notice from FEMA that Obama signed the major disaster declaration for the CNMI.

"We are all very grateful to the President for making the decision to come to our assistance," Sablan said. "We have a long road to recovery from the devastation of this storm, but we now know that our federal government is going to provide substantial help. And that will make recovery faster."

According to Sablan, Obama's action releases federal funds to help meet immediate emergency needs resulting from Typhoon Soudelor.

He said the Commonwealth will also now be eligible for federal funding to assist with debris removal, to provide aid to individuals in need, to help rebuild power, water and other public infrastructure, and for hazard mitigation projects to harden public facilities on Rota, Tinian, and Saipan.

USS

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"*Ashland*, as part of the *Bonhomme Richard* Amphibious Readiness Group, has been underway in the region conducting routine training and exercises. We have precisely the capabilities and capacity, at the right place and time to respond," said Ashland commanding officer Cmdr. Daniel Duhan. "Along with the 31st MEU, we are just one part of Typhoon Soudelor relief efforts. With the collaboration between the Navy, Marines, local and federal government agencies, we hope to make significant contributions to the effort."

Ashland, homeported in Sasebo, Japan, is the eighth and last of the Whidbey Island-class ships to be commissioned and the second U.S. Navy ship to bear that name. She is on patrol in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations with her crew of more than 500 sailors and Marines. ***(Joint Region Marianas)***

CNMI govt sets up disaster recovery center in Susupe

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The CNMI government has designated the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe as a disaster recovery center.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be stationed at the center, as well as other federal agencies involved in the government's assistance efforts in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor that hit Saipan late Sunday.

CNMI Office of Management and Budget chief Vicky Villagomez said the center is now being "retrofitted" for the purpose of becoming a DRC.

Villagomez was involved in the initial assessment of damage for Saipan.

The DRC was set up immediately after President Barack Obama approved a state of disaster for the Commonwealth.

Those seeking assistance—as well as supplemental information following the typhoon—can go to the center.

However, those eligible for public assistance are encouraged to register first before proceeding to the DRC, according to John Hamill, director of external affairs for FEMA Region IX.

"Everybody who thinks they have been affected should register," Hamill said.

Non-American citizens can also register but that "does not mean that everybody that is not a citizen is eligible," Hamill said, adding that it will be on a "case to case" basis.

Registering will be the first step to avail of the assistance. After registering, FEMA will then set up a visit to assess the damage.

Press secretary Ivan Blanco said that FEMA and the government will start working on the "most affected" areas.

However, determination of the most affected areas will mostly depend on the registrations, which will tell how many homes have been devastated and how many families have been affected.

"Then FEMA will target those areas. After initial assessments are done, then these areas will be targeted," Blanco said.

The public is also advised not to wait for FEMA and just go right ahead in documenting and taking pictures of their damage and then registering.

When asked on the usual time frame before an individual can get assistance, Hamill said this will depend on a number of factors.

One factor is the level of damage and the number of inspectors deployed on the ground, he said.

"It is difficult to tell, but Saipan is small, compact island. We hope it won't take that long," Hamill said.

FEMA reiterated the need for the public to register. According to FEMA, the registration period if up to 60 days, but can be extended if needed.

FEMA is recommending registration via online at www.disasterassistance.gov or via smartphone at m.fema.gov.

The hotlines include FEMA toll-free +1 800-621-FEMA (3362) and +1 800-462-7585 (TTY). All numbers are open 24/7 starting today.

Soudelor relief: What's next?

Now that President Obama has issued a major disaster declaration for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, federal funds will be released to help individuals recover from the destruction of Typhoon Soudelor. Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan says that there are two important ways that aid will be quickly available.

"One first step individuals can take is to register with FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency," Sablan said.

There are three ways to register:

- Online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov
- Via smartphone at m.fema.gov
- By calling 1-800-621-3362, or for those who have a speech disability or hearing loss and use TTY, 1-800-462-7585 directly

The 800 lines are open between noon and midnight Eastern Daylight Time or between 2am and 2pm Chamorro Standard Time.

Whichever system is used, applicants should have the following information at hand:

- Social Security Number;
- Insurance information, if any;
- Damage information (what was damaged: the home, vehicle);
- Family's total annual household income, before taxes, at the time of the disaster; and
- Contact information: address and phone number.

"Financial assistance for people who lost their homes to pay for temporary lodging or rent is one form of help that registration can bring," Sablan said.

"The congressional office is also looking into where safe, habitable housing is available, given the widespread damage to residences.

"FEMA may also be able to help cover costs of repairs for homes that can be repaired or complete replacement for homes that were destroyed."

Federal funds to replace lost food

"Another issue for many people is the food that was lost because of water damage during and after the storm or because of the loss of refrigeration.

"Fortunately, the federal Nutritional Assistance Program for the Northern Mariana Islands currently has a fund balance of about $3 million.

"I will be supporting the decision by the NAP office and the Food and Nutrition Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to make this money available immediately to anyone in the Northern Marianas in need of food. I understand that NAP is already printing up the paper food stamps they will be distributing.

"These food benefits will be available regardless of the citizenship or income requirements that normally apply to the NAP program.

"The point is to get food to families who were left with nothing by Typhoon Soudelor. And, of course, spending that money will also help kick start economic activity, encouraging stores to reopen and wholesalers to begin resupplying the islands." ***(Office of the Delegate)***

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Some people might judge us just because we are way to the north... but it's like a small piece of heaven... it's like we are a mini paradise on top of a paradise..."
Elfleda "Ella" Santos
Accounting Supervisor

Federal disaster assistance now available for CNMI

» Assistance is for individuals, families, businesses, local governments

Federal disaster aid has now been made available to the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area affected by Typhoon Soudelor, according to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency yesterday.

President Barack Obama's action makes federal funding available to affected individuals on the island of Saipan. Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

Federal funding also is available to Commonwealth and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work as a result of Typhoon Soudelor on the islands of Rota, Saipan, and Tinian.

Federal funding is available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures for the entire Commonwealth.

Individuals and business owners who sustained losses in the designated area can begin applying for assistance by registering online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or by Web-enabled mobile device at m.fema.gov. Disaster assistance applicants, who have a speech disability or hearing loss and use TTY, should call 1-800-462-7585 directly; for those who use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS), call 1-800-621-3362. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 7am to 9pm (local time) seven days a week until further notice.

Stephen M. De Blasio Sr. has been named as the federal coordinating officer for federal recovery operations in the affected area. De Blasio said that damage surveys are continuing in other areas, and additional areas may be designated for assistance after the assessments are fully completed.

Following is a summary of key federal disaster aid programs that can be made available "as needed and warranted" under Obama's disaster declaration issued for the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands.

Assistance for affected individuals and families can include *as required:*

■ Rental payments for temporary housing for those whose homes are unlivable. Initial assistance may be provided for up to three months for homeowners and at least one month for renters. Assistance may be extended if requested after the initial period based on a review of individual applicant requirements. *(Source: FEMA funded and administered.)*

■ Grants for home repairs and replacement of essential household items not covered by insurance to make damaged dwellings safe, sanitary and functional. *(Source: FEMA funded and administered.)*

■ Grants to replace personal property and help meet medical, dental, funeral, transportation and other serious disaster-related needs not covered by insurance or other federal, commonwealth and charitable aid programs. *(Source: FEMA funded at 75 percent of total eligible costs; 25 percent funded by the commonwealth.)*

■ Unemployment payments up to 26 weeks for workers who temporarily lost jobs because of the disaster and who do not qualify for commonwealth benefits, such as self-employed individuals. *(Source: FEMA funded; commonwealth administered.)*

■ Low-interest loans to cover residential losses not fully compensated by insurance. Loans available up to $200,000 for primary residence; $40,000 for personal property, including renter losses. Loans available up to $2 million for business property losses not fully compensated by insurance. *(Source: U.S. Small Business Administration.)*

■ Loans up to $2 million for small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives and most private, non-profit organizations of all sizes that have suffered disaster-related cash flow problems and need funds for working capital to recover from the disaster's adverse economic impact. This loan in combination with a property loss loan cannot exceed a total of $2 million. (*Source: U.S. Small Business Administration.)*

■ Loans up to $500,000 for farmers, ranchers and aquaculture operators to cover production and property losses, excluding primary residence. *(Source: Farm Service Agency, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.)*

■ Other relief programs: Crisis counseling for those traumatized by the disaster; income tax assistance for filing casualty losses; advisory assistance for legal, veterans' benefits and social security matters.

How to apply for assistance:

■ Affected individuals and business owners in designated areas can begin the disaster application process by registering online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or by web enabled mobile device at m.fema.gov. Disaster assistance applicants, who have a speech disability or hearing loss and use TTY, should call 1-800-462-7585 directly; for those who use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS), call 1-800-621-3362. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. (local time) seven days a week until further notice. Applicants registering for aid should be prepared to provide basic information about themselves (name, permanent address, phone number), insurance coverage and any other information to help substantiate losses.

Assistance for the Commonwealth and affected local governments can include *as required*:

■ Payment of not less than 75 percent of the eligible costs for emergency protective measures, taken to save lives and protect property and public health. Emergency protective measures assistance is available to eligible commonwealth and local governments on a cost-sharing basis. *(Source: FEMA funded, Commonwealth administered.)*

■ Payment of not less than 75 percent of the eligible costs for repairing or replacing damaged public facilities, such as roads, bridges, utilities, buildings, schools, recreational areas and similar publicly owned property, as well as certain private non-profit organizations engaged in community service activities. *(Source: FEMA funded, Commonwealth administered.)*

■ Payment of not more than 75 percent of the approved costs for hazard mitigation projects undertaken by commonwealth, and local governments to prevent or reduce long-term risk to life and property from natural or technological disasters. (*Source: FEMA funded, Commonwealth administered*.)

How to apply for assistance:

Application procedures for commonwealth, and local governments will be explained at a series of federal/commonwealth applicant briefings with locations to be announced in the affected area by recovery officials. Approved public repair projects are paid through the commonwealth from funding provided by FEMA and other participating federal agencies. ***(FEMA)***

Tinian clear; now waiting on FEMA

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REPORTER

Typhoon Soudelor's destructive winds mostly spared Tinian while leaving Saipan a wasteland of broken homes, fallen trees, and telephone poles.

Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas said that power and water services are now fully restored on the island.

"Today, we shut down our Mayor's Operation Center at 5pm and all of our assessment have been provided to the Emergency Operation Center on Saipan. We have been visited by the Army Corps of Engineers and they did an assessment of Tinian's infrastructure," San Nicolas said.

"We are about almost complete in our cleanup and some that still remains to be cleaned are in the north area. At least three houses were severely damaged and other houses just had minor damage. As of now two families are being helped," he added.

San Nicolas said they are now focused on waiting for the Federal Emergency Management Agency to help the island and the community of Tinian is now focused on working together to help Saipan.

Assessment on Tinian started on Aug. 3 with the U.S Army Corps of Engineers and FEMA focusing first on critical facilities such as the hospital, schools, police, airport, and fire department.

Initial assessment saw that a few homes were heavily damaged and about 16 people were displaced.

Several poles were down but are now fixed.

"We are focused on working together to help Saipan. There are a handful of families whose homes were seriously damaged by the typhoon and we're working with American Red Cross-NMI Chapter here on Tinian and look forward to meeting with FEMA," San Nicolas said.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CNMI Judiciary's new business hours

Business hours for the CNMI Judiciary on Saipan are limited to 8am to 12pm, Monday, Aug. 10, through Friday, Aug. 14, 2015. This schedule will be maintained until further notice. Changes to this schedule will be disseminated on the Judiciary's website, www.justice.gov.mp, and through other media.

On Rota and Tinian, hours of operation will be 7:30am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday.

The partial-day operations on Saipan are expected to continue until issues associated with water and fuel availability and standby power generation are resolved. ***(NMI Judiciary)***

SCS postpones opening to Aug. 17

Saipan Community School has postponed the opening of school year 2015-2016 to Aug. 17 because of the damage incurred by the Susupe school from the onslaught of Typhoon Soudelor.

SCS management said teachers and staff have been working very hard to get the campus ready for students, but due to water, fuel, and cleanup issues, the school felt it is the best decision for both the school and students to postpone school for one week. ***(PR)***

GCA school opening moved to September

Grace Christian Academy's school opening has been moved to September, with the Open House on Sept. 2 and the first day of classes on Sept. 3. ***(PR)***

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REPORTER

Here is how you can help the people of Saipan recover from the devastation of Typhoon Soudelor.

ON TINIAN

Office of the Mayor of Tinian

■ Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas has issued a public announcement for the people of Tinian to hold a "Saipan Relief Raffle Fundraiser and Food Drive."

■ They are encouraging the community to donate money or foodstuffs.

■ The fundraiser will be held today, Aug. 7, starting at 5pm at the Kammer Beach Main Pavilion.

■ For food donations, non-perishable items only.

IN GUAM

Bank of Guam

■ Bank of Guam has established an account for contributions to help the Saipan and Tinian communities. Contributions may be made at all Bank of Guam branches, with the notation that the funds should go to the "Soudelor Aid" account.

GTA TeleGuam

■ GTA is working together with the American Red Cross-Guam Chapter to provide assistance to the victims of Typhoon Soudelor on Saipan.

■ Collection buckets will be placed in all GTA retail stores. The community can make monetary donations from now until the end of the month.

■ GTA TeleGuam can be contacted at 1-671-644-4482

■ GTA retail locations include:

✦ Micronesia Mall in Dededo. Open from 10am to 9pm daily.

✦ Guam Premier Outlets in Tamuning. Open from 10am to 9pm daily.

✦ Agana Shopping Center in Hagatna. Open from 10am to 8pm from Monday to Saturday and 10am to 6pm on Sunday.

✦ NEX at the U.S Naval Base in Guam. Open from 9am to 7pm from Monday to Saturday and 9am to 6pm on Sunday.

✦ Army Air Force Exchange Service at the Anderson Air Force Base in Yigo. Open from 10am to 7pm daily.

✦ Yigo Pay-Less Kiosk in Yigo, Guam. Open from 1pm to 6pm from Monday to Saturday and closed on Sundays.

American Red Cross-Guam Chapter

■ Serving 19 villages of Guam, ARC-Guam Chapter is teaming up with GTA TeleGuam for donations to Typhoon Soudelor victims in Saipan.

■ For donations visit them in Hagatna at Route 4, Bldg. 285 or contact them at 1-671-472-6217.

Guam Governor's Office boot drives

■ Lt. Gov. Ray Tenorio's office is spearheading a boot drive effort today, Aug. 7, to collect donations from motorists including another boot drive on Aug. 14, Friday. The boot drive will be held from 4pm to 5:30pm on both dates.

■ Locations include the Micronesia Mall intersection of Route 16 and Route 1 in Dededo, the Chief Quipuha statue/Paseo Loop Intersection in Hagatna, ITC intersection in Tamuning, Sumay/Route 1/Route 2 in Santa Rita, and Airport Road intersection in Tamuning.

Guam Sen. Michael F.Q. San Nicolas

■ Donations are being accepted at the Office of Sen. San Nicolas for non-perishable items only. For more information on donations call 1-671-472-6453 or email at senatorsannicolas@gmail.com.

Pacific Xtreme Combat Sports League

■ Today, Aug. 7, there will be a collection booth at the University of Guam Calvo Field House around 5:30pm and the donations will be for contributing funds to aid Saipan.

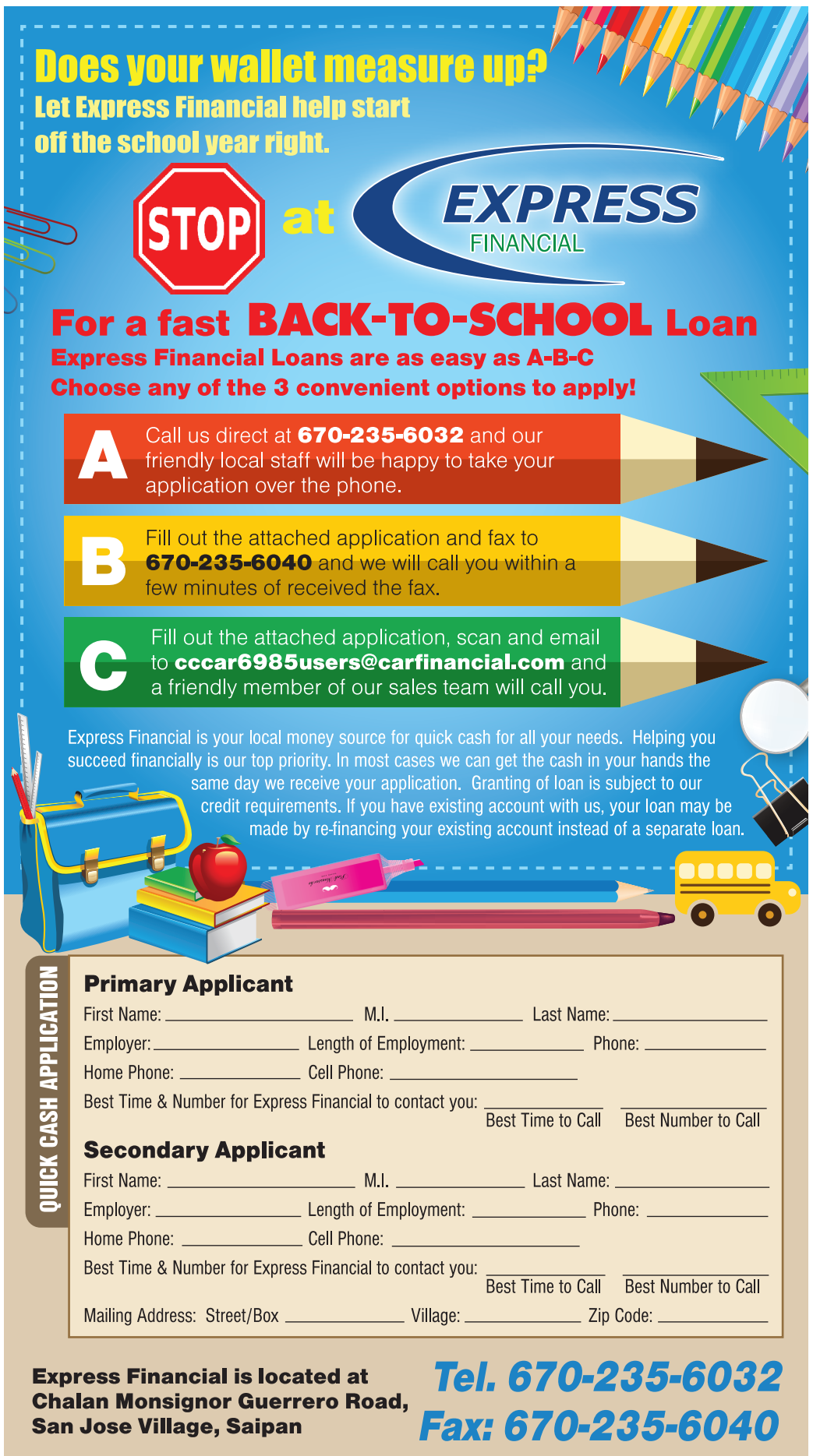
BankPacific

■ Donations of canned food, clothing and blankets for relief efforts to Saipan can be dropped off at branches in Hagatna, Tamuning, Dededo, and Agat.

IN HAWAII

The Salvation Army

■ The Salvation Army has issued a relief effort on their website at hawaii.salvtionarmy.org for donations of which 100 percent will go to Saipan.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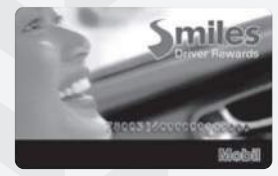

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Best Sunshine contributes toward rebuilding Saipan

After being hit by the worst typhoon in a number of years, Saipan is still in a state of shock.While the government is working hard to ensure the safety of the people on this island and focusing on recovering from the devastation, Best Sunshine International Ltd. has quickly begun their own recovery efforts to ensure the safety of their own staff. The company has a number of local employees as well as foreign professionals in their ranks. As a result, handling their accommodations has become a priority for Best Sunshine.

Best Sunshine has initiated an outreach program for the local staff with the immediate goal of providing water, food, and accommodations for displaced employees. Some local employees whose houses were badly damaged have contacted Best Sunshine directly and for the rest, Best Sunshine has reached out and is arranging temporary accommodations for them at the Mango Resort as well as apartments at Flame Tree Resort. In addition, Best Sunshine is also prioritizing the safety of the families of the local staff

» Arranged temporary accommodations for affected employees
» Distributed drinking water and fuel

and providing accommodations. Other dealers who have moved to work on Saipan and were staying in hotels during the typhoon have come together and volunteered to help repair homes of the local employees. Best Sunshine is also in talks to help organize efforts and supplies for construction.

Lauryn Hunter, a member of the Simmons Group, an HR consulting team working with the Best Sunshine HR team, said: "It's all hands on deck. There are three to four administrators that are beginning a call center. There are two to three dealers per department to check on the status of Best Sunshine employees. The executive team is coordinating transportation and homes, and the table game staff are coordinating for locating people and needs."

Besides providing accommodations,

Best Sunshine is also delivering diesel and water to residences occupied by their staff.

Leo Primo, a Best Sunshine dealer and CNMI resident, said: "What we need most is water. A place to stay is important too. Some of the hotel rooms are expensive, one evening is $98."

One spokesperson from Best Sunshine said, "I don't think the outside world understands that nobody drinks regular water on Saipan, everybody drinks bottled water. On one hand we have a natural disaster, it's a good thing that you don't have to worry about the water being contaminated, but on the other hand, you have to drink bottled water to survive." Best Sunshine has distributed five gallons of water to each of their staff with more to come.

Best Sunshine is also planning to arrange laundry service for their staff. Due to the water supply shortage, their employees are unable to wash their clothes. "We are in a situation where there is too much heat and people are sweating, and water for washing clothes is hard to access…It's a bad situation," said the same spokesperson while talking about the laundry service they plan to provide.

To address transportation needs, Best Sunshine currently has a 15-seat van fully operating and transporting water and food for their staff. However, the van runs on gasoline and it takes hours to refill the fuel tank due to long lines and shortage of gasoline as well. When asked about the difficulties regarding the transportation, a representative for Best Sunshine replied, "It will be so much more convenient if we have a bus that runs on diesel, because there is enough supply of diesel in the fuel stations, I believe. I would advise everyone to conserve their gasoline for future use"

When asked about ways to recover from this crisis, the Best Sunshine spokesperson said: "You can see that people with all different titles and different expertise are hunkering down and using whatever skillsets they have to get through this crisis, and try to have some sustained operation. That is the new way of life, until the power comes back up."

Matthew Harkness, COO of Best Sunshine, said: "I've been on the island for about four months and the community has been wonderful, and the reception that we have received here speaks well of the culture that this island has... people here are open-in-arms. When we speak to our employees, they first express concern about their friends, their neighbors, and their families." ***(Best Sunshine)***

Best Sunshine focuses on the community

Monday morning found Saipan reeling from the devastation of Typhoon Soudelor. Saipan residents pulled together in an effort to help clear debris from roads and the homes of neighbors. For its part, on Monday and well into the evening, Best Sunshine International management focused their efforts on organizing typhoon relief to first confirm and ensure the safety of their internal employees and then engaged in talks with government officials on how to most effectively address the needs of the local community as a whole.

On Tuesday morning, Best Sunshine International put their plan into action by immediately implementing a procedure to reduce water consumption at the training casino. They then donated four vans to two shelters for transportation of those most affected by the typhoon. One local resident stated, "Some of those most affected have to travel to the food stamp office, others have to do laundry."

On Wednesday, Best Sunshine management and staff worked together to donate 600 bottles of water in 30 cases to the local shelters. On Thursday, they also worked with the mayor's office and donated 800 bottles of water.

Key organizers at Best Sunshine stated, "Together with the people of Saipan, we're working every day to ensure that we help to meet the needs of the community." ***(Best Sunshine)***

DISCOVER THE FUTURE OF SAIPAN ART COMPETITION

Best Sunshine chooses winning artwork

Best Sunshine announced yesterday the winners of its Discover the Future of Saipan Art Competition after receiving a large number of unique and creative entries from participants from all over the island.

The winning pieces of art were selected by a panel of esteemed judges from Best Sunshine.

Due to confidentiality, the winning names of the art competition will not be announced. The picture of the winning artwork are shown here and the winners are advised to contact Skywalker Communications office (234-7942) at Marianas Business Plaza, Room 204, before Friday 5pm for more details.

The top 3 entries will receive cash prizes of $500, $300 and $100 respectively. The top 10 to 20 entries will also have the opportunity to be featured in a high visibility campaign. Congratulations to everyone! ***(BSI)***

First prize: Chamolinian
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Second prize: Simple Dream
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Third prize: Beautiful Saipan
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BoH offers aid programs for Soudelor victims

HONOLULU, Hawaii—Bank of Hawaii has initiated four financial assistance programs to help those affected by Typhoon Soudelor on Saipan.

"Our hearts go out to all of those who suffered home or property damage from the typhoon," said Hobbs Lowson, Bank of Hawaii West Pacific region manager. "We realize that recovery may be a slow process and dealing with the aftermath is not easy. The financial emergency relief programs are designed for fast approval and quick funding to allow recovery as swiftly as possible. We know it's important for people to restore normalcy in their lives and we have loan officers ready to work with individuals to assess their needs."

Essentially, the assistance programs provide either access to cash via special loan programs for qualifying borrowers or relief on existing Bank of Hawaii loans through loan extensions or forbearances.

Depending on the particular special loan program, funds may be used to 1) provide immediate cash relief for emergency supplies and living essentials; 2) repair homes and/or vehicles, replacement of living essentials, or to bridge working capital needs; or 3) make vehicle purchases at dealerships located on Saipan, and includes the following features:

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- Fast approval and quick funding
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Information and specific details on each of the programs are available by visiting our Chalan Kanoa Branch or calling Bank of Hawaii at (670) 235-5420. Once services have been restored we can be reached at (670) 322-4200. ***(BOH)***

FHB adjusts Saipan branch hours

HAGATNA, Guam—Effective immediately all First Hawaiian Bank Branches on Saipan to open Monday through Thursday from 9am to 1pm and on Friday from 9am to 3pm. The adjustment to the hours of operation was made out of concern for bank employees and their families who are also dealing with the aftermath of Typhoon Soudelor. The hours will be revised as the recovery progresses and as demand for services increases.

FHB has two branches on Saipan: at the Gualo Rai Commercial Center on Middle Road and Oleai Center on Beach Road.

First Hawaiian Bank customers with Internet connectivity may access their account information online through www.FHB.com or may contact the bank's Call Center for customer service at 1-888-844-4444. ***(FHB)***

BoG offers 90-day loan payment deferment for Saipan customers

» Employees helped, 'Soudelor Aid' account set

HAGATNA, Guam—In addition to the account established for "Soudelor Aid," Bank of Guam is offering a 90-day loan payment deferment program to its Saipan loan customers in good standing.

Contributions to help the Saipan community recover from Typhoon Soudelor may be made at all Bank of Guam branches, with the notation that the funds should go to the "Soudelor Aid" account.

Bank of Guam has also extended financial assistance to its employees on Saipan in support of their needs during the recovery period.

The Garapan Branch will be operating with limited hours between 9am and 3pm today, Aug. 7, 2015, and from 9am to 1pm this Saturday, Aug. 8, 2015.

Bank of Guam, with assets over $1.4billion, is in its 43rd year with 23 branches throughout Guam and western Micronesia. Bank of Guam has had a presence in Saipan since 1980 and its Tinian branch was opened in 1984. ***(BoG)***

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7 things to ask GOP candidates at Thursday's debate

OK, Fox News. You got a deal.

We're totally on board with the Facebook-linked format for your Thursday night TV debate in Cleveland among Republican presidential candidates.

The idea is to get viewers to send in questions by making videos of themselves and uploading the recordings through Facebook.

Not a problem. We'll add our voice here at *The Dallas Morning News*, so look for our newspaper's video questions in your "upload" queue.

Fox should make sure the candidates get a Texas-eye view of the issues. Texas is among the reddest of red states, a mother lode of Republican debate-watchers. Plus, as a mega-state sharing the longest border with Mexico, Texas has a lot at stake in the immigration debate.

With that, here's a list of seven questions on our minds in Dallas:

Q. Republicans mostly agree that immigration reform starts with securing the border. OK, but then what? Donald Trump wants to deport 11 million-plus undocumented immigrants and let the "good ones" return. Is that feasible? If not, what would work better?

Q. Texas lawmakers ignored calls this year to repeal in-state college tuition for undocumented immigrants who got their high school diplomas and kept out of trouble. Please critique this one effort—signed into law by former Gov. Rick Perry—to improve the Texas workforce.

Q. Drought just recently released its grip on Texas after some tense years, but California is still suffering. Do you think man-made climate change is at work, and what should Washington do about it?

Q. Texas has joined other communities coming to grips with the death of black citizens who come in contact with police. Please assess the deep mistrust that black Americans have of authority, and tell us how you would address it as president.

Q. The Texas and federal prison populations have exploded during a four-decade "War on Drugs," and the U.S. incarceration rate is the highest among developed nations. Please assess why the nation has so many people behind bars and tell us what you'd do about it.

Q. The growing gap between the haves and have-nots is a hot political topic. Should conservatives care about income disparity—Texas has one of the nation's highest rates, by the way—and how would you address it?

Q. Two Muslim gunmen were shot dead in Garland, Texas, illustrating the danger of radicalized Islam. How would your policies toward terrorism and the Islamic State differ from the Obama administration's?

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Over Hiroshima and Nagasaki

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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He served as a CEO in Japan at Union Carbide. Father to three daughters who grew up privileged from their economic station as an American family in an executive position in post-WWII Japan, and the opportunity of international school without being uppity about it, he made it to the top office of his game when he came to Manila to turn his company to richer fields, save for one thing. He was in the Navy when the *Manhattan Project* baby exploded a new force of devastation over New Mexico, just before it dropped an alternative "little boy" brother over the skies of Hiroshima a few months later, vaporizing breaths in a flash, its radiation sending many into oblivion.

Navy tars assigned in New Mexico wore no protective gear. They did not know the capability of the instrument of mass destruction they were assigned to guard. The young salt who CEO'd in Japan did his duty but his body took the radiation. At 53, he mowed Maui Park grass in Hana, retired with an irreversible cancer that ceased his heartbeat not too long after.

I visited him and his wife, having shared household chores with them when he dragged his three girls and dogs to our communal experiment at secular monastic living in the late '70s in Manila, only to find myself delivering the eulogy at his memorial service.

Two bombs exploded over Nippon's population to subdue their veneration of the Emperor, heaven's representative on earth, taming the pride of a nation gone awry, paying the price of its militant atrocities beyond its sovereign boundaries north and south of the equator in the Far East, marking the onset of the nuclear age in the process.

That was 70 years ago today when the misnomered "little boy" was assembled on Tinian at about the time I was gasping for natal breath in the plains of Central Luzon on the shadows of Mt. Arayat in Cuyapo, Nueva Ecija, six days earlier. The bomb unleashed a horrendous uranium fission over the skies of Hiroshima after the weather allowed the crew of the flying Superfortress Silverplate Boeing B-29 named *Enola Gay* deliver its untested load.

A sophisticated second bomb of implosive plutonium called "fat man" unloaded its terror three days later over the skies of Nagasaki, sparing the ancient castle town of Kokura, the primary target for the "fat man" and the secondary one for the "little boy" (the city lies between Hiroshima and Nagasaki). The B-29 found it shrouded with clouds on the 9th so Nagasaki got the cross hair, convincing Emperor Hirohito that his *banzai* forces had lost the mandate of heaven.

The nuclear bombs hastened the end of WWII in spite of Japan's forces in Manchukuo *(Dong Bei's* Manchuria) poised to move its soldiers from the region to defend the expected invasion of the home islands. The determined defense did not materialize despite of surviving Le May's saturation bombing of Tokyo, ineffective as the defense was, for the bombs wiped out all buildings into smithereens! Japan sacrificed all for Emperor Showa (Hirohito was his name, but was called simply as *His Majesty*) while members of the royalty tried to get him to abdicate. Hirohito surrendered six days later after the two bombs were dropped.

Come now Shinzo Abe, the bouncy and effusive Prime Minister who resigned his office in 2007 due to health reasons but orchestrated a comeback to counter perceived ineffective leftists rule of the country, presiding over the resurgence of the *Banzai* spirit that stirred controversy in the proud but subdued nation.

To understand Abe and his nationalistic following that asserts its superiority in land and sea over Korea and China, one has to understand the Japanese soul. Nippon quietly transformed industrial technology to uplift living conditions in many parts of the world and had done so with the humility of a quiet servant (who nevertheless did not hesitate to make a quid in the process) and appeared apologetic over its wartime conduct more than half a century before.

Abe do not have any of that. Japan paid for its indiscretions, doing so dearly but the times have changed, and the sins of the fathers need not be visited on the innocence of the sons. Nippon reclaimed its soul, and not forever subservient to the West. After the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear reactor disaster, with creature distortions appearing on land and sea, and humans, too, Japan had a lot of reflecting to do, for itself and its role on the world. Health-challenged Abe is understandably in a hurry. The U.S. watches his back.

Japan bashing long passé still focuses on aspects of Japan's contrition but Nippon moves forward to redefine human relations toward tomorrow. Abe, like Bibi Netanyahu, may see it their role to drum up enthusiasm by testosterone-filled means, but they are understandable chauvinistic hiccups rather than breathing norms.

Meanwhile, Hiroshima and Nagasaki, neither active combatant in the last war, survived and flourished, and are forgiving of a vengeful world.

Domo arigato guzaimasu!

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Snoozing

By ED STEPHENS
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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In the wake of Typhoon Soudelor's direct hit on Saipan, any other topic is trivial. The dangers didn't leave with Soudelor, of course, but will stalk the island via threats to public health and compromised infrastructure. Fortunately, Saipan's residents are good-natured and resilient, and Uncle Sam was fast on the draw for providing assistance, so the balance sheet in this equation has some assets. Still, the story of Soudelor isn't ending. It's just beginning.

By contrast, the piece I planned to run today is a snoozer. It is, in fact, about just that, literally: sleep.

I've noticed that the topic has popped up in the news a lot over the past few years. I suspect a couple of reasons for this.

One is just the general march of progress in the health field. Sleep, as it turns out, gets all sorts of attention from high-powered research institutions such as UCLA and Johns Hopkins. As they perform their studies, the scientists seem to confirm what makes intuitive sense to most of us: Sleep is more than a matter of comfort. It's a matter of health.

The other reason I suspect for the awakening on the sleep front is what seems like an epidemic of addiction to electronic screens. Various studies are popping up that suggest that screen-staring, particularly at night time, can mess up sleep patterns. The human body has apparently not evolved to have light beamed into its eyes when it's time to downshift into snooze time.

Anyway, some of the sleep studies have been funded by some interesting benefactors. For example, Estee Lauder, the cosmetics company, commissioned a study that was performed by the University Hospitals Case Medical Center in Ohio.

The study, which was mentioned on the University Hospitals' website in 2013, looked at the skin condition (items mentioned are lines, pigmentation, slackening, elasticity) of various subjects who were sorted by how well they slept.

Apparently, lousy sleeping and lousy skin went together. The take-away is that sleep influences more than mere state of mind, but it has physical effects as well.

This sure jibes with what I've seen in the real world. I've had gigs where fatigue is an ever-present factor, namely, working night-shifts as a pilot, and, if you hang with it long enough, those miles can start to look pretty rough. That's not necessarily a deal-breaker, but it does require some extra thought about how you manage your time and your habits.

In the habit realm, a 2010 CNN article says, "Trouble sleeping? Maybe it's your iPad." The article goes on to mention the possibly problematic link between computer light and sleep patterns, when, for example, computers supplant books for bedtime reading. How much of this is actually proven, and how much is just reasoned conjecture, well, I don't know.

Even though I'm no spring chicken, I still enjoy staying awake all night sometimes. For example, if I'm taking a long road trip, if the weather is good and the roads are open, I might opt to drive all night, leapfrogging in 400-mile jumps from truck stop to truck stop. It's a good feeling to be snug in the car while old country tunes are playing on the radio and while I gnaw on beef jerky and drink coffee. This is better than sleep. It might be the last bastion of true peace in the modern world.

Meanwhile, I'll note that the modern standard of eight (more or less) hours of continuous sleep might not be the way it used to work. In days of old, at least in some cases, people may have fallen asleep shortly after dark, only to arise at around midnight, walk around and even socialize for a matter of hours, and then conk out again until sunrise. So maybe our modern routines, having been built around artificial light and the scheduling imperatives of mechanized societies, are a divergence from our biology's default settings.

What's not so surprising is that light plays a big role in this stuff. At Saipan's easy latitude in the middle of the tropics, days and nights are always roughly equal spans. That's a nice arrangement. By contrast, the further you get from the tropics, the more lopsided the days and nights get, and this messes up some people's sleep patterns. It has, fortunately, never messed with mine, since I sleep like a ferrous rock no matter what; this is one virtuous consequence of being completely devoid of any ambition.

Still, I have noticed that beyond, say, 45 degrees of latitude, I'm soon ready to head for the tropics again where the days and nights are balanced. Why? I don't know. But that's one of those gigs where you don't even notice it until you miss it.

Such is the current state of the snooze world. Now if you'll excuse me, I think I've discovered a wrinkle. Yikes! Where do they sell the Estee Lauder face cream? I'll swing by the beef jerky and coffee section; seems like the logical place to look, and truck stops, they've got everything these days.

5 things to watch for in first GOP debate

By LANE FILLER
NEWSDAY

With just more than 65 weeks until the presidential election, the race just slipped into, oh, let's say second gear with the announcement of the lineup for Thursday's Republican debates. The main event will feature Jeb Bush, Scott Walker, Ted Cruz, Rand Paul, Marco Rubio, Mike Huckabee, Ben Carson, Chris Christie, John Kasich and, er… Donald Trump!

You may notice I didn't add the prefixes like "current governor," "famed neurosurgeon" or "future 'Dancing with the Stars' contestant." That's because this is a column for political junkies, folks whose DVRing of Sunday morning news shows is tearing their families apart.

Addicts love "pregaming," the party that gets you loose and slobbering for the main event. Fox has that too, with a 5 p.m. debate for the seven candidates not in the top 10. I call them the junior varsity, not the second tier, because that's a hurtful expression, and when you say it, the tierorists win. The JV match will include Rick Perry, Carly Fiorina, Jim Gilmore, Bobby Jindal, George Pataki, Rick Santorum and Lindsey Graham.

So now that we know the players, what about the games? Here are five things to look for if you aren't wise enough to keep the presidential politics tuned out until three months before Election Day and snuggle up with something better: a loved one, let's say, or rabid possum.

How Trumptacular will The Donald be? I don't think even he knows. There will be 10 candidates on the stage, and I don't remember Trump ever settling for 10 percent of available attention. But imagine if he played it statesmanish and polite and gave thoughtful answers, speaking only in his turn. Would it be the right strategy? I don't know. Is he capable of it? I don't know. That's why it's my top thing to look for.

How Trumptacular will the other nine candidates be? They're fighting for attention and credibility like starving hyenas battling over a Monster Thickburge from Hardee's. These are not shrinking violets. In the company of anyone other than Trump, Carson, Huckabee, Cruz, Paul and Christie would be considered world-class controversy generators. So which of them, if not all, will take the tone of his rhetoric up a DEFCON level or three to make a splash?

Will any participant in the junior varsity debate earn a move to the big show next time? With seven contestants splitting one hour, each will actually have less time than the big 10. The dimmer spotlight could mean a more substantive discussion of policy and philosophy. But the desperation from not making the main stage could lead to frenetic World Wrestling Entertainment battle-royale-style bids for attention, which hopefully would include colorful unitards and capes.

Who's the new "he ain't gonna be president, but we kinda love him" candidate? I say "he" because I'm willing to bet as much as $1 bazillion that Fiorina is not the new Ron Paul. But I wonder whether anyone in this lineup can popularize ideas or create an outsider wave that influences the evolution of the party as Paul did. Carson comes to mind, and Huckabee and Santorum, who've built respectable primary constituencies before. Paul's son, Rand, held some of the same populist promise, but that's faded.

Ratings: How much do people care this early? How much pop will Trump add to the event? We know the media and the addicts need their fix, and Thursday night for them will be a big Republican party.

But with 460 shopping days until election time, the question is whether normal folks are ready to start browsing for the perfect president.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mount Carmel School family

May the Peace of Christ be with you! I write to you to provide some updates and information in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor. I recognize that due to the disruption of power and communications, some of you may not receive this message via email or online, which is why we will also disseminate this message via local media.

First, despite the damage and destruction caused by Typhoon Soudelor, we are extremely grateful that there was no reported loss of life. Natural disasters around the world often result in numerous fatalities, and we are lucky and blessed that such was not the case for us.

Second, please note that due to the disruption of power and water services caused by Typhoon Soudelor, the opening date of the 2015–2016 school year for both Mount Carmel School and Sister Remedios Early Childhood Development Center has been postponed until further notice. We are currently assessing the damage to the school and monitoring updates on key infrastructure—power, water, communications—in order to determine when the school year will start. We hope to issue an announcement in this regard sometime next week.

Third, we ask that everyone remain safe as the island struggles with access to essentials like food, water, and shelter. At this point, the safety and livelihood of the people of Saipan are the top priority. Should you need any assistance, please contact the appropriate government or non-profit agency.

Fourth and last, we must take this time to pray and have faith. These have been trying times, and the days ahead will continue to be a struggle. However, if our islands' and school's history have taught us anything, it is this: we are resilient. Just as Fr. Arnold Bendowsky and the school family recovered from Typhoon Jean in the 1960s, so shall we.

As yesterday's Gospel reading challenges us, in the midst of a raging storm in the sea, Jesus reached out to the apostles and said, "'O you of little faith, why did you doubt?' After they got into the boat, the wind died down."

So, as we move forward, please have faith, and never lose hope. Indeed, the worst of times can bring out the best in all of us. Together, we will do more than just survive; we will thrive.

Sincerely in Christ,

Galvin Deleon Guerrero
President
Mount Carmel School

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As a Hurricane Sandy survivor, who experienced total loss, flooding, and complete loss of utilities in New Jersey, I was saddened to learn that Saipan, in the U.S. territory Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (near Guam) was heavily ravaged by Typhoon Soudelor and left without water or electric. Many homes were also destroyed.

The State of New Jersey should seek to assist the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in its time of need. The CNMI is a part of America and we should all stand together.

Survivors of the devastation are welcome to stay in New Jersey while their home is being rebuilt. CNMI residents and their families should know that upon arrival in New Jersey's Ocean or Monmouth counties, motel vouchers will be provided and social services will be available for U.S. citizen families without housing. Children can attend school in local districts.

We are here for you Saipan, you are our fellow Americans. Our home is your home. Stay as long as you need to.

Eric Hafner
Toms River, NJ

Prioritize fixing line connecting to water reservoir

Rather than fixing our power lines, can the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. just put priority on the line that connects to the water reservoir so that it can have power and at least we will have water supply and the rest of the power lines will be fixed according to the next priority.

I hope CUC will consider this suggestion for the good of everyone on the island. It's better to prioritize rather than trying to fix everything at one time but it will take a long time to see the results.

Teresita Malacat-Abe
Susupe, Saipan

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. West to southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers. South winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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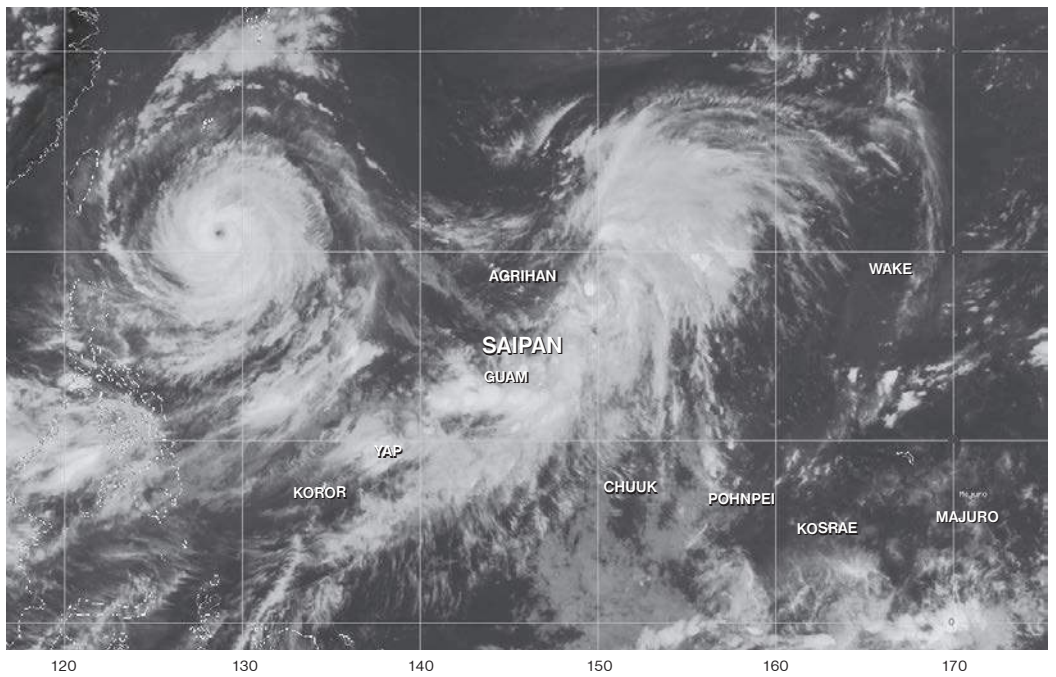
Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2015
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

At 9:30am this morning a tropical disturbance was centered near 18 degrees north latitude and 149 degrees east longitude. This is about 185 miles east of Alamagan and 205 miles east-southeast of Agrihan. It was moving slowly to the north-northwest. Computer models indicate this disturbance will slowly develop as it moves toward the north-northwest over the next few days, possibly as a tropical depression by Friday evening. The main threat from this system will be heavy rainfall to Alamagan, Pagan and Agrihan as it drifts north-northwestward. However, since this system is still developing, it is not yet possible to give detailed information on its future track and changes in forecast track are possible. Stay informed on its progress by following the latest statements or advisories issued by the national weather service on Guam. These are posted on the WFO Guam web page at www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Mostly Cloudy	▲87	▼77
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼78
Yap	Mostly Cloudy	▲87	▼77
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼77
Pohnpei	Mostly Cloudy	▲86	▼77
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼78
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼77

Around the Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲56	▼48
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼69
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲94	▼82
Honolulu	Showers	▲90	▼77
London	Mostly Sunny	▲77	▼57
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼65
Manila	Mostly Cloudy	▲88	▼78
Melbourne	Showers	▲54	▼43
Miami	Mostly Sunny	▲93	▼77
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼69
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲96	▼80
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼61
Pusan	Sunny	▲90	▼76
Rome	Sunny	▲96	▼77
Salem	Sunny	▲85	▼55
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲72	▼61
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	▲97	▼77
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲96	▼78
Washington, DC	Rain	▲76	▼68

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- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Tides

Saipan Harbor

1:27 AM	Today	High Tide:	2 Feet
8:33 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
2:48 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
8:19 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:01 AM	6:45 PM
Saturday	6:02 AM	6:45 PM
Sunday	6:02 AM	6:44 PM
Monday	6:02 AM	6:44 PM
Tuesday	6:02 AM	6:43 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today		12:22 PM
Saturday	12:19 AM	1:18 PM
Sunday	1:09 AM	2:14 PM
Monday	2:01 AM	3:08 PM
Tuesday	2:53 AM	3:59 PM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:20pm	4:00pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:10pm	4:00pm	2, 4
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:20pm	2:55pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:25pm	4:00pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 3, 6, 7
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	4, 5
7C3401	3:15pm	7:35pm	3, 5, 6
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

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UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	Daily via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/275	6:05am	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
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SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

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UA5039/179	2:20pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM
UA5078/179	3:10pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	1:00pm	1:50pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:05pm	2:40pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	8:45am	2:15pm	3, 5, 6
7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ6053	7:55pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6
OZ625	8:20pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

DL276/288	9:30am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/6053	12:15pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN
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HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/6053	1:10pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
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LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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11 new Peace Corps volunteers arrive in FSM

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Peace Corps country director Robert Reid swears in the 11 new Peace Corps Response volunteers on July 27 at the Multi-Purpose Center of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission in Kolonia.

Over the past 15 years, Peace Corps Response has offered seasoned U.S. professionals the opportunity to undertake short-term, high-impact assignments to address development priorities around the world. In 2014, Peace Corps started this program in the Federated States of Micronesia, and 11 new PCR volunteers have arrived.

Response volunteers will serve as specialists in Education Accreditation (two in Chuuk, two in Yap) and Curriculum Development (one each in Chuuk and Yap), School Support (Chuuk), Human Resource (Kosrae); in Agriculture Census Survey (Yap); in Youth Development (Yap); and in Disaster Risk Reduction/Response (Chuuk).

All of them have advanced degrees and an average of over two decades of experience; they will help with building local capacity for 12 months. Each specialist, along with their counterparts, will work on projects in line with the FSM's strategic development plan.

Peace Corps country director Robert Reid performed the formal swearing in of the 11 new Peace Corps Response volunteers on July 27 at the Multi-Purpose Center of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission in Kolonia.

U.S. Ambassador Doria Rosen welcomed and congratulated the volunteers on their commitment to service. The Secretary of Education, Kalwin Kephas, shared congratulatory remarks on behalf of the FSM government.

In his closing remarks, Reid highlighted that the Peace Corps Response Program will continue to grow in the FSM with additional volunteers to arrive in September and October to assist in priority positions in all four FSM States, as well as to assist in Super Typhoon Maysak reconstruction efforts in Chuuk and Yap. ***(U.S. Embassy Kolonia)***

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Jenny U. Francisco Petitioner, vs. Jose F. Francisco Respondent,	FCD-D1 CIVIL ACTION NO. 15-0328 SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEARBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make the Complaint, a copy of which is on file within the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 503210, Saipan, MP, 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 13th day of July, 2015

/s/ Clerk of Court

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Marianas fishermen help cleanup marine debris

Thank you fisherman for removing this from the ocean!
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Fisherman shows off a buoy found in the ocean.
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This door was found during the 2015 Mahi Mahi Fishing Derby.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance, in partnership with the Saipan Fishermen's Association, held its 3rd Marine Debris Contest during the 31st Annual Saipan Fishing Tournament.

During the competition, MINA challenged fishermen to collect any man-made trash floating in the water. Twenty-one fishermen brought in marine debris while they were fishing during the tournament. All qualifying entries had the opportunity to win prizes such as a $500 gift certificate to Joeten and reusable bags.

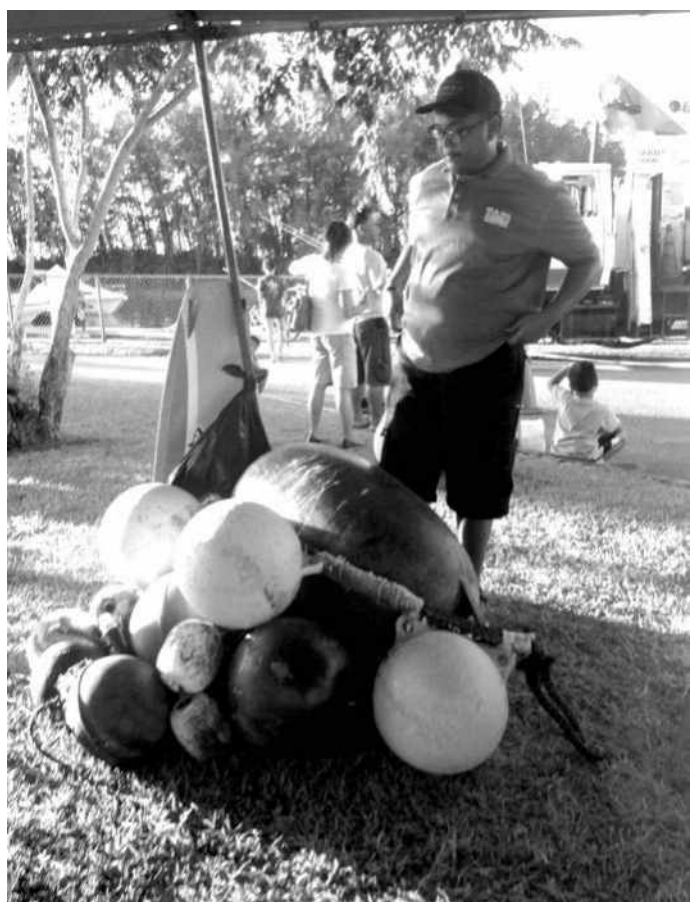
"Since the beginning of this contest, over 300 lbs of marine debris were collected out of the ocean. We've had some pretty bizarre items like a locker door, a wakeboard, and a tire. Most of the common items were buoys left by other boats," said program manager Becky Furey. "MINA would like to remind everyone to be a responsible steward for the ocean. From everyday litter like plastic bags, plastic wrappers and plastic bottles, to batteries, kitchen appliances, fishing nets and other waste—the trash gathering in the ocean is turning our beautiful reefs into dumps. None of our waste belongs in the ocean."

Today, MINA is working to reduce marine debris through a campaign that encourages the community to reduce plastic pollution. The Plastic Bag Challenge is a campaign that promotes the use of reusable bags in order to decrease the CNMI's reliance on plastic bags. Let's work together for a clean and healthy ocean.

Tasi Watch ranger Julius Reyes displays one of the items that were brought in.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Participants of the 31st Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament proudly hold up their entries for the Marine Debris Contest.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

This year marks 10 years of MINA's founding. Tickets are now on sale for the Green Gala, MINA's largest fundraiser of the year. With proceeds going toward the ongoing work to conserve the diverse natural resources of the region, this year is even more special as Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance celebrates 10 years of working with island communities to sustain the natural environment to ensure the island way of life. Contact MINA to find out more about the Green Gala and the different programs focused on conservation at 233-REEF or email minaoutreach@gmail.com. ***(MINA)***



Buoys were common items that fishermen came across while fishing in the 31st Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

A sweet find for this fisherman—he found this wakeboard during the 2015 Mahi Mahi Fishing Derby.
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NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

B&K Corporation dba: Mariana Breeze

The public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. B&K Corporation dba: Mariana Breeze is proposing to process distilled wines and liqueurs for retailing and wholesaling. This use is classified as "Manufacturing & Processing" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is situated on Lot 330R-2, on Beach Road, San Jose, between the Borja Funeral Home and the Kilili Beach park. It is zoned as Village Commercial.

Date: August 13, 2015, Thursday
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Zoning Board Conference Room, 2nd Fl. Joeten Dandan Comm'l Bldg.

The above application may be viewed at the Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan. Comments on the project may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments shall be submitted in writing to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan no later than 4:30pm, August 12th, 2015 or via email to therese.ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp , or US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & Saipan Zoning Law of 2013).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Board Chairman

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Zoning Board will be held
on Thursday, August 13th, 2015
at 5:00 PM, Zoning Board Conference Room
2nd floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Bldg.
(Tel: 234-9661 • Fax: 234-9666 • e-mail: www.zoning.gov.mp)

A. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of 7/2/15 meeting minutes
5. Public Comments (not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)

B. Public Hearings
Conditional Use Application #2015-2664: B&K Corporation dba: Mariana Breeze is proposing to process distilled wines and liqueurs for retailing and wholesaling. This use is classified as "Manufacturing & Processing" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is situated on Lot 330R-2, on Beach Road, San Jose, between the Borja Funeral Home and the Kilili Beach park. It is zoned as Village Commercial.

C. Communications

D. Old Business. None

E. New Business
Office Operations Report (permits/ enforcement)

F. Executive (Closed) Session

G. Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogumoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman

Procurement And Supply
CNMI Government

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP NO.: RFP15-DOF/REV-075

SUBMISSION DATE: AUGUST 20, 2015 TIME; 10:00 A.M.

"CNMI TECHNICAL TAX CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE DIVISION OF REVENUE AND TAXATION"

Copies of the Scope or Work may be obtained on or after **July 23, 2015** at the Division of Revenue and Taxation, Central Office, Dandan Commercial Center, Saipan, during regular working hours.

A **pre-proposal conference** will be held on **August 11, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., local time** at the Division of Revenue and Taxation, Dandan.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals; in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI Government

/s/ **LARRISA C. LARSON**
Secretary of Finance

/s/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**
Director, P&S

Business

Pay TV industry shows cracks in media earning

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Further cracks emerged this week in the pay TV bundle as media companies and distributors indicated that more people are cutting the cord and ditching pricey channel packages. Meanwhile, media company executives did damage control, putting a positive spin on the prospect of selling individual channels online.

Disney's stock tumbled 9 percent Wednesday, a day after reporting that it was trimming its forecast for TV subscriber-fee profit growth through next year because of subscriber losses at its flagship ESPN sports network. Other channel operators also saw shares drop. Viacom fell 7.5 percent, Time Warner fell 9 percent, CBS fell 4.6 percent and Discovery Communications fell 12.1 percent.

Dish said its satellite TV subscriber losses accelerated in the quarter through June, falling 81,000 to 13.9 million, nearly double the loss of 44,000 a year ago.

Analysts say that popular channels like ESPN would likely survive any dramatic shift in consumer preference toward online channel packages like Sling TV, which at $20 a month, is far cheaper than traditional pay TV packages.

The question, wrote analyst Martin Pyykkonen of Rosenblatt Securities, is "whether the revenue substitution from skinnier bundles and/or a la carte channel plans will at least approximate the traditional cable bundle revenue over time."

Disney's profit-forecast cut suggested otherwise.

Disney CEO Bob Iger told analysts Tuesday that while the company is proactive in supplying ESPN to small online packages like Sling TV, "we don't think right now it's the greatest opportunity."

Automakers trying to prevent hackers from commandeering cars

DETROIT (AP)—When researchers at two West Coast universities took control of a General Motors car through cellular and Bluetooth connections in 2010, they startled the auto industry by exposing a glaring security gap.

Five years later, two friendly hackers sitting on a living room couch used a laptop computer to commandeer a Jeep from afar over the Internet, demonstrating an even scarier vulnerability.

"Cars don't seem to be any more secure than when the university guys did it," says Charlie Miller, a security expert at Twitter who, along with well-known hacker and security consultant Chris Valasek, engineered the attack on the Jeep Cherokee.

Fiat Chrysler, the maker of Jeeps, is now conducting the first recall to patch a cybersecurity problem, covering 1.4 million Jeeps. And experts and lawmakers are warning the auto industry and regulators to move faster to plug holes created by the dozens of new computers and the growing number of Internet connections in today's automobiles.

The average new car has 40 to 50 computers that run 20 million lines of software code, more than a Boeing 787, a recent KPMG study found.

Miller and Valasek are known as "white hat," or ethical, hackers and reported their findings to the company. But the episode raised the prospect that someone with malicious intent could commandeer a car with a laptop and make it suddenly stop, accelerate or turn, injuring or killing someone.

More employers dangling unusual benefits to hook workers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Netflix's decision to give its workers up to a year of paid leave after the birth or adoption of a baby is the latest example of the unusual benefits that companies have been dangling as they try to attract and retain people with highly coveted skills.

Nothing appeals to workers quite like a lucrative paycheck. But benefits and perquisites become more important to people once they already are earning a lot of money and realize much of any additional raise will be devoured by taxes, says Andrew Chamberlain, chief economist for employer rating service Glassdoor.com.

Realizing this, more companies are coming up with unconventional perquisites to stand out from their rivals and pamper their workers. The phenomenon is especially prevalent in the technology industry, where the competition for computer programmers is so intense that employers are looking for every edge they can find.

Adding a little something extra to the standard benefits package is "a really inexpensive way to boost employee engagement and make employees feel better about where they are," Chamberlain says.

Consider some of these benefits, most of which were compiled from employee reviews collected by Glassdoor.com:

■ Online rental service Airbnb gives its workers up to $2,000 annually to help cover their travel expenses while on vacation.

■ Asana, a maker of business communication tools, pays for "life coaches" to help their employees cope away from the office.

■ Online real estate service Zillow pays for overnight shipping of breast milk when a mother is traveling.

■ Payment processor Square offers an employee "wellness" program that includes on-site massage, chiropractic care, acupuncture therapy and personal trainers.

■ Website building service Weebly gives its workers $50 per month to help pay for housecleaning and errands. The money shows up on a company credit card that all its workers receive.

■ Online software service Salesforce.com gives its employees a paid week off for volunteer or charity work.

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP NO.: RFP15-OPA-116

SUBMISSION DATE: AUGUST 18, 2015 **TIME: 10:00A.M.**

"CNMI SINGLE AUDIT ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 (CNMI/CHCC) FOR THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC AUDITOR"

THE SCOPE OF WORK IS AVAILABLE ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 18, 2015 AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOCATED AT LOWER BASE DRIVE DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THE COMMONWEALTH RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND PROPOSALS; IN WHOLE OR IN PART, AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTION IN A BID IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS. ALL BIDS SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ MICHAEL PAI
PUBLIC AUDITOR

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

Procurement And Supply
CNMI Government

INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO.: ITB15-DFEMS-114
SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: AUGUST 26, 2015 TIME: 10:00 AM

"SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF TWO (2) 2015 MODEL YEAR PERSONAL WATERCRAFT TO BE USED FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & EMERGENCY MEDICALS SERVICES"

Copies of the specifications may be picked-up at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Dr., Saipan, during regular working hours.

The government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals; in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in any bid in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI Government.

/S/ CLAUDIO K. NORITA
Comissioner, DFEMS

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, P&S

Procurement And Supply
CNMI Government

INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO.: ITB15-DFEMS-115
SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: AUGUST 26, 2015 TIME: 10:30 AM

"SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF 140 COMPLETE SET OF BRAND NEW 2015 MODEL YEAR FIREFIGHTER TURN-OUT GEAR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES"

Copies of the specifications may be picked-up at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Dr., Saipan, during regular working hours.

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/S/ CLAUDIO K. NORITA
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/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
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PUBLIC NOTICE
August 7, 2015

DUE TO LIMITED POWER AND WATER RESOURCES, AS A RESULT OF TYPHOON SOUDELOR, THE COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CDA) WILL BE OPENED FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M., MONDAY TO FRIDAY, BEGINNING TODAY, AUGUST 7, 2015 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE OR UNTIL ISLAND POWER IS RESTORED TO NORMAL.

WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE THIS MAY HAVE CAUSED.

/S/ MANUEL A. SABLAN
Executive Director

SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES
PROJECT NO. CPA-IFB-007-15

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed bids for Solid Waste Collection Services for the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The successful bidder will be awarded 2 years to perform the services with option to renew for an additional 2 years at the sole discretion of the CPA.

The bid package will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor at the Arrival Building beginning July 28, 2015. All responses to this IFB shall take into account any costs that will be charged to the bidder awarded the contract for the project. Bidders shall also take into consideration all necessary badging requirements and fees for this project.

All bids shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Bid for the Solid Waste Collection Services at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, project No. CPA-IFB-007-15". One original and three (3) copies of the bid must be submitted no later than 2:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2015, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Departure Terminal Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at 10:00am, August 20, 2015 to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. All prospective bidders may attend. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director in writing at least 7 days prior to the pre-bid conference.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Invitation For Bids; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in the CPA's best interest.

CPA assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidder due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of bidder's preparation of the bid or supply under the contract. This IFB does not commit CPA to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the bid under this request, or to procure a contract for services.

All bids shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Bids received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/
MARYANN Q. LIZAMA
Executive Director

Date: 22, July 2015

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Availability of the
Mariana Islands Training and Testing (MITT)
Environmental Impact Statement/
Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS)
Record of Decision

The U.S. Navy has announced its decision to implement its Preferred Alternative (Alternative 1) to support and conduct military readiness activities primarily within established military areas of the MITT Study Area. The Navy made its decision after carefully considering the potential impacts that training and testing activities may have on the human, natural and cultural environment and comments from the public on the proposal and environmental analysis. Training and testing activities will include the use of active sonar and explosives, pierside sonar maintenance and testing alongside Navy piers located in Inner Apra Harbor, and land-based training activities at existing ranges and other training locations on Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Navy's Record of Decision and Final EIS/OEIS are available online at **www.MITT-EIS.com** and at the following public libraries: University of Guam Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Library, Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library, Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, Tinian Public Library and Rota Public Library.

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Warming temps push walrus north, leave Alaskans without food

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Anna Oxereok grew up eating walrus in the western Alaska village of Wales. Today it's such a rare treat she can't bring herself to part with the plastic gallon bag of meat in her freezer.

"I have to save it for something special," she says.

Her brother caught two animals this spring and shared the meat and fat, but it didn't go very far in the village of 150. She's thankful for what she got, though. It's become increasingly difficult to land a walrus.

Other remote communities at the edge of the Bering Sea also are seeing a steep decline in walrus harvested the past several years. Walrus, described by some as having a taste between veal and beef, is highly prized by Alaska Natives as a subsistence food to store for winter, with the adult male animals averaging 2,700 pounds. The sale of carved ivory from the tusks, legal only for Alaska Natives, also brings in supplemental income to communities with high unemployment rates.

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This April 17, 2004, photo provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service shows two walrus cows on ice off the west coast of Alaska.

Hunters and scientists say walrus migration patterns are veering from historical hunting grounds as temperatures warm and the ocean ice used by the animals to dive and rest recedes farther north. Village elders also tell biologists the wind is blowing in new directions. In 2013, a late-season icepack clustered around St. Lawrence Island, blocking hunters from the sea.

"I think one of the biggest issues is that things have gotten so variable. It's hard to really predict what's going to happen," said Jim MacCracken, Alaska walrus program supervisor for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Iver Campbell and other Yup'ik Eskimo hunters from two St. Lawrence Island communities harvested more than 1,100 walrus in 2003. But a decade later, hunters managed to take only 555 - a fraction of the ideal of one walrus per resident, per year. Things still aren't looking any better for the 1,430 residents of the villages of Gambell and Savoonga. The recent spring take was 233 walrus, according to preliminary Fish and Wildlife figures.

The shore ice once served to block the wind for hunters but that's no longer the case, said Campbell, who's lived all 64 years in Gambell, population 713.

"The ice goes out real fast, melts real fast," he said. "We don't have anything to counter the wind and the rough water."

Science backs that observation. According to the Office of Naval Research, the past eight years have had the eight lowest amounts of summer sea ice on record.

Far from the state's limited road system, costly store-bought food is not an affordable solution. At village stores, pantry staples quickly add up—nearly $7 for a dozen eggs, $15 for a gallon of milk and $6.25 for a loaf of basic white bread. People rely on the region's resources for up to 80 percent of their diets.

Their hunting practices are closely monitored by federal authorities to ensure the animals that are killed are not going to waste. Generally, such hunts don't cause a public outcry in Alaska.

In these communities, a subsistence lifestyle is a necessity. In fact, the low harvest this year recently prompted a donation of 10,000 pounds of frozen halibut to four affected villages.

"A decline in the subsistence harvest really creates an economic disaster that threatens the health and welfare of the people in the communities," said Vera Metcalf, director of the Eskimo Walrus Commission. "So we are concerned about the impacts of climate change and the ability for our hunters to harvest marine mammals."

Suspect in latest theater attack had psychological issues

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—What initially appeared to be another mass shooting at a movie theater ended up being an attack by a disturbed homeless man who wasn't armed with a real gun was eventually shot and killed by police.

Vincente David Montano, 29, bought a ticket for "Mad Max: Fury Road" at a theater in a middle-class community in southern Nashville on Wednesday and entered with pepper spray, an airsoft pellet gun and an ax, Metro Nashville Police spokesman Don Aaron said.

Some of the theatergoers in the audience ran outside and alerted police officers who had responded to a vehicle crash nearby, police said in a news release issued late Wednesday.

South Precinct Officer Jonathan Frith, a six-year veteran, was the first officer to encounter Montano, the news release said. Montano pointed his pellet gun at Frith and pulled the trigger, prompting Frith to fire one round from his patrol rifle in self-defense, the release said. Frith then backed out of the theater while keeping Montano contained inside as SWAT officers responded.

Montano

At that point, Montano began to use the pepper spray and officers said they encountered a cloud of it as they entered to take Montano into custody. Montano fired his pellet gun again and four SWAT members fired back, the release said. Montano attempted to flee out the rear door of the theater and as he emerged with ax in hand and started toward officers, five opened fire, according to the release. Montano was struck and killed.

No one other than Montano was killed. One man was cut on the shoulder, evidently by the ax Montano was carrying, and that man, his wife and daughter were treated for pepper spray, Aaron said.

Aaron said police had not uncovered a motive, but he said Montano had been committed for psychiatric treatment at least four times, twice in 2004 and twice in 2007. It wasn't immediately clear why he had been committed or if that commitment was involuntary.

"This individual has had significant psychiatric or psychological issues," Aaron said.

The news release said Montano had been committed at least three times while living in Murfreesboro, Tennessee; that he was reported to have lived in a number of states over the years, including Missouri, Texas, Alabama, Illinois, and Florida; and that he was most recently believed to be homeless.

Aaron also noted that Montano had been arrested in Murfreesboro in 2004 for assault and resisting arrest, and said he was reported as a missing person to the Murfreesboro police department on Monday.

As more details of the attack and Montano's troubled past emerged, it began to appear less likely that he intended to inflict mass casualties such as those attempted by a theater shooter recently in Louisiana and carried out two years ago by a shooter in Colorado.

Instead of a packed house showing a newly released popular film, Montano waged his attack in a theater where only seven others besides himself were present at midday, watching a movie that had already been out for some time. He was armed with a pellet gun, not a weapon with bullets, and chose to use pepper spray, not the gun, when he began his assault. One of Montano's two backpacks was detonated and found to contain a fake bomb, Aaron said. The other backpack contained nothing harmful, according to the news release.

It is impossible to say for sure whether Montano knew that the pellet gun would easily be mistaken for a pistol, which is exactly what authorities say happened.

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Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks to supporters during a campaign rally at La Rumba, a Denver dance club and restaurant, Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2015.

Clinton tries to break through Trump surge with GOP attacks

WASHINGTON (AP)—Ten Republican candidates for president in 2016 will debate Thursday for first time. Spend any time listening to Democratic frontrunner Hillary Rodham Clinton this past week, though, and it would seem like only one really matters: Jeb Bush.

As billionaire businessman Donald Trump thunders his way to the top of the summertime polls, Clinton is instead focused on the former Florida governor as one of the most likely—and potentially threatening—Republican nominees.

Clinton repeatedly slammed Bush by name on Tuesday after he questioned spending public money on women's health issues, a more direct attack after she slyly stung him last Friday by using the name of his super PAC and slogan of his campaign—Right to Rise—to paint him as setting back the cause of black Americans.

"People can't rise if they can't afford health care. They can't rise if the minimum wage is too low to live on," Clinton told the annual meeting of the National Urban League, as Bush waited in the wings to take his turn on stage.

"They can't rise if their governor makes it hard for them to get a college education and you cannot seriously talk about the right to rise and support laws that deny the right to vote," she said.

For months, Clinton and her team have tried to keep her above the political fray. But with her approval rating sinking in several polls, they've moved to reframe the race as a choice between two different ideologies rather than a referendum on her family foundation, email usage and other controversies.

Stolen Stradivarius violin is recovered after 35 years

WASHINGTON (AP)—Renowned violinist Roman Totenberg left his beloved Stradivarius in his office while greeting well-wishers after a concert in 1980. When he returned, it was gone.

Its case was later found in the basement of the Longy School of Music in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he taught. But Totenberg, who died three years ago at age 101, never saw the instrument again.

Totenberg thought he knew who stole the violin, but there was never enough evidence to pursue a suspect.

The trail went cold until this June, when his eldest daughter, Nina Totenberg, got a phone call from an FBI agent.

The agent said he was looking at the violin, which was in federal custody.

"I really could hardly believe it at the time," Nina Totenberg, the legal affairs correspondent for NPR, told The Associated Press in an exclusive interview Wednesday. "I said, `I have to call my sisters. I'll tell them not to get their hopes up,' but he said, `You don't have to do that. This is the violin.'"

The violin, known as the Ames Stradivarius, was made in Italy in 1734 by Antonio Stradivari and is one of several hundred Stradivarius instruments known to exist. They can fetch millions of dollars at auction, including a record $15.9 million in 2011.

Authorities were set to announce details of the recovery Thursday at the U.S. attorney's office in Manhattan.

Nina Totenberg said the violin surfaced in June when a woman had it appraised in New York and the appraiser immediately contacted authorities. The woman is the former wife of Philip S. Johnson, who died in California in 2011. She declined to comment to The Associated Press and asked that her name not be published. She has not been accused of any wrongdoing.

Asia

Mixed messages on 777 part frustrate Flight 370 families

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—The confusion and frustration that punctuated the investigation into the disappearance of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 erupted anew Thursday after officials offered conflicting levels of confidence on whether a piece of a wing found washed up on an Indian Ocean island last week came from the vanished plane.

Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak's announcement in the pre-dawn hours of Thursday that the part, known as a flaperon, did indeed come from the doomed aircraft was at odds with the message from authorities in France, the U.S. and Australia, who have stopped short of full confirmation.

The conflicting comments raised questions about why Malaysia had seemingly gone rogue with its announcement and infuriated many families of those on board the plane, who have waited more than 500 days for concrete clues into the fates of their loved ones. Dai Shuqin, the sister of one of the passengers, was among about a dozen Chinese relatives who held a demonstration outside Malaysia Airlines' offices in Beijing.

"France is being cautious about it, but Malaysia is desperate to put an end to this case and run away from all responsibilities," she said.

Malaysian Transport Minister Liow Tiong Lai later reiterated Najib's comments and said differences with other countries amounted to "a choice of words."

"They want to continue with additional tests. We respect their decision," Liow said of the French. "From our first observation, the color tone and all maintenance records that we have, we know. Our records show that it's the same as MH370."

He said there are "many other technical details that I do not have to reveal" but that confirm the part is from Flight 370.

Liow also said more apparent plane debris that might be from Flight 370 has been found on Reunion Island and sent to French authorities for verification. He said a Malaysian team found the objects, including a window and some aluminum foil.

"I can only ascertain that it's plane debris," Liow said. "I cannot confirm that it's from MH370."

The disappearance of the Boeing 777 jetliner while on a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing on March 8, 2014, has been one of the biggest mysteries in aviation history. Officials believe it crashed in the southern Indian Ocean, killing all 239 people on board, but the wreckage and the cause remain elusive.

"It is with a very heavy heart that I must tell you that an international team of experts has conclusively confirmed that the aircraft debris found on Reunion Island is indeed MH370," Prime Minister Najib Razak told reporters. The French territory is thousands of kilometers (miles) west of the area being searched for wreckage from the flight.

But at a news conference in Paris, Deputy Prosecutor Serge Mackowiak declined to confirm that the debris belonged to Flight 370, though he said there were strong indications that it did.

"The very strong conjectures are to be confirmed by complementary analysis that will begin tomorrow morning," Mackowiak said. "The experts are conducting their work as fast as they can in order to give complete and reliable information as quickly as possible."

The caution was typical of how France carries out air crash investigations. The French agency that usually handles such probes, known as the BEA, can take months if not years to lay out exhaustive conclusions in reports that last hundreds of pages. During the inquiries, they only rarely offer interim assessments and even more rarely comment.

The Australian government, which leads the seabed search for wreckage west of Australia, was also less certain than Malaysia, saying only that "based on high probability, it is MH370."

Publicly, Australian officials withheld criticism of Najib's announcement, with Australian Transport Minister Warren Truss saying Australia respected Malaysia's right to make that call, given it is the government in charge of the investigation.

"Of course there is still some i's not dotted and t's not crossed. There is still a very small element of doubt," Truss said.

US demands halt to provocative activities in the South China Sea

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—In a direct challenge to China, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry called Thursday for all claimants to disputed territories in the South China Sea to immediately halt provocative activities that have ratcheted up tensions in some of the world's busiest shipping lanes. He also said the United States would not accept restrictions on navigation or overflights of the disputed territories

In remarks to East Asian foreign ministers in Malaysia, Kerry proposed a joint commitment from all involved to halting land reclamation projects and construction, which he said would lower tensions and risks for miscalculation. He said the step would also create space to finalize a binding code of conduct. His comments were directed primarily at China, which has been engaged in massive reclamation projects in areas contested by its smaller neighbors. China has rejected outside interference in the disputes.

"With great respect to my friend and colleague (Chinese) Foreign Minister Wang (Yi), the United States and others have expressed concern to China over the pace and scope of its land reclamation efforts," Kerry said. "And the construction of facilities for military purposes only raises tensions and the destabilizing risk of militarization by other claimant states."

Kerry complained that China has not lived up to pledges to ease tensions and to not try to exert control over South China Sea navigation or flights. And, he said he could not confirm Chinese protestation that it has stopped land reclamation projects. "I hope it is true," he said. "I don't know yet."

But he added that the protests rang hollow because China is continuing construction projects, including military ones, on reclaimed land.

"It is not just an issue of reclamation," Kerry told reporters after his comments to the ministers. He added that he was not yet convinced that China had softened its stance. Wang, Kerry said, had "indicated a different readiness of China to try to resolve some of this, although I think it is still not as fulsome as some of us would like to see."

World

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in this Wednesday, July 29, 2015 file photo, a missile-loaded Turkish Air Force warplane rises in the sky after taking off from Incirlik Air Base, in Adana, southern Turkey.

Turkey says 'extensive' fight against IS group to start soon

ANKARA, Turkey (AP)—An armed drone taking off from Turkey launched a strike on the Islamic State group on Wednesday, a U.S. official said, as Turkey's foreign minister said American aircraft had begun to arrive at a Turkish base close to the border with Syria and an "extensive" fight against the extremists would begin soon.

Also Wednesday, Syria's foreign minister said Damascus would support efforts against IS, as long as the fight is coordinated with the Syrian government.

Ending its reluctance, Turkey carried out airstrikes against IS targets in Syria late last month and agreed to allow U.S. warplanes to use Incirlik Air Base for operations, taking a more frontline role in the U.S.-led coalition's fight against the extremists.

Pentagon spokesman Navy Capt. Jeff Davis said a drone had launched an airstrike from Turkey for the first time on Wednesday, but provided no further details.

He said the U.S. was planning to fly manned aircraft out of Turkey but that had not yet begun.

U.S. officials had said the first armed drone missions out of Turkey began last weekend although they did not conduct airstrikes at the time.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of an ASEAN meeting in Kuala-Lumpur, Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said the battle against the IS from the Turkish air base would begin soon, but didn't elaborate.

"As part of the agreement reached with the United States, we have made great strides on the technicalities of Incirlik's use and the U.S. aircraft have started to arrive," the state-run Anadolu Agency quoted him as telling reporters. "Soon we will together start an extensive battle against Daesh." He was using the Arabic acronym for the Islamic State group.

The Turkish minister also told reporters that once the "effective" fight has begun, the ground would become safer for moderate opposition forces fighting IS.

His comments came following reports that members of the Free Syrian Army who went through a U.S. training program to fight Islamic State militants were captured by the al-Qaida-linked Nusra Front in Syria.

Turkey on Wednesday named a new chief of military staff as it takes on a more active role in the fight against IS. Land Forces Commander Gen. Hulusi Akar was appointed to replace the current military chief who retires at the end of a three-day, annual High Military Council meeting which decides on promotions, retirements and dismissals within Turkey's armed forces.

Syrian's state media quoted

Islamic State group seizes central Syrian town

BEIRUT (AP)—The Islamic State group on Thursday seized a key town in central Syria following heavy clashes with President Bashar Assad's forces, in the militants' biggest advance since capturing the historic town of Palmyra in May, Syrian activists said.

The heavily populated town of Qaryatain lies southwest of Palmyra, which is home to towering Roman ruins, and some 85 kilometers from Homs city. Its capture allows the IS group to link up areas under its control in and around Palmyra with areas in the eastern countryside of Qalamoun in Damascus province.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the IS group seized the town Thursday after three suicide bombers targeted army checkpoints at the entrance the day before, setting off a fierce battle.

Websites affiliated with the Islamic State group confirmed the militants had taken over Qaryatain. A Facebook page through which the IS posts news of its military activities carried photos that purported to show the fighting to "liberate" the town, including a tank allegedly seized from the Syrian army.

Qaryatain lies midway between the cities of Homs, Palmyra and Damascus. Activists say it has a mixed population of around 40,000 Sunni Muslims and Christians, as well as thousands of internally displaced people who had fled from Homs.

Egypt to unveil Suez Canal extension amid nationalist fervor

ISMAILIA, Egypt (AP)—Egypt on Thursday will unveil a major extension of the Suez Canal that President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi has billed as an historic achievement which will boost the country's ailing economy after years of unrest.

An elaborate ceremony in the canal city of Ismailia will be hosted by the president and attended by foreign dignitaries amid tight security measures following a series of attacks by Islamic militants in the Sinai Peninsula and the capital.

The unveiling of the $8.5 billion extension has been trumpeted as a historic achievement by pro-government media and has revived the nationalistic personality cult built around the 60-year-old el-Sissi, who as army chief led the overthrow of an Islamist president in 2013 and was elected to office last year.

Egypt's black, white and red flag now adorns streets across much of the nation, along with banners declaring support for el-Sissi and hailing his latest achievement. The government declared Thursday a national holiday, and banks and most businesses were closed.

Science & Technology

Stand-alone gadgets trump all-in-one devices

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NEW YORK (AP)—When Apple announced new iPod music players a few weeks ago, many people asked why anyone would need iPods when smartphones can play music and more. I had that question myself—until I remembered I've been carrying an iPod almost every day, mostly for my runs.

There are times a stand-alone device such as an iPod works better than a jack-of-all-trades like a smartphone. A stand-alone device does one or two things, but does them really well.

Of course, this means one more thing to buy and carry, so the phone is often simpler. But here are ways you might find a stand-alone device preferable.

MUSIC PLAYERS

Sure, I can listen to music on my smartphone, but it's not convenient on a run. The iPod Nano is much easier to carry, and all the music and podcasts on it doesn't eat up space on my phone.

Apple just updated all three iPod models, but only the iPod Touch changed significantly. The Touch is essentially an iPhone without the cellular connection, so it isn't really a stand-alone music player. The ones that are—the Nano and the Shuffle—got only minor updates, namely in the choices of color.

Then again, as a device designed to play audio, neither needs a super-fast processor. The $49 Shuffle is cheaper than the $149 Nano, but the Shuffle lacks a display and gives you fewer options to choose songs, forward or rewind. The Nano also has an FM receiver and fitness-tracking capabilities—though a stand-alone fitness device is better for that.

FITNESS DEVICES

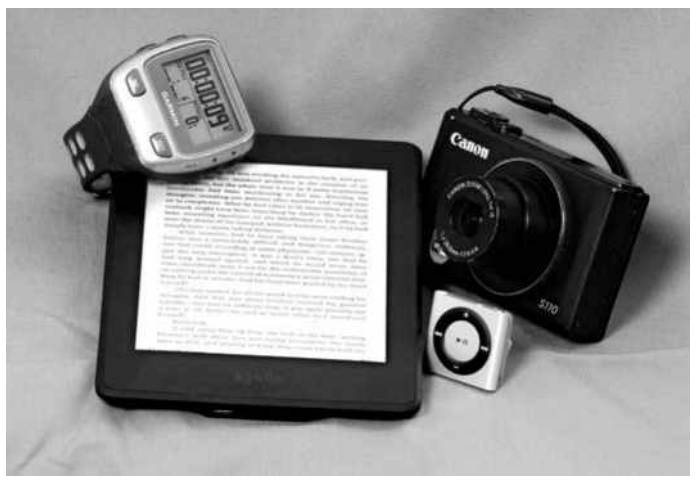
I've worn smartwatches like the Apple Watch and general-purpose fitness trackers like the Fitbit. I've also used my phone and the Nano to track my workouts.

None of that beats my Garmin GPS sports watch, which specializes in tracking running, cycling and swimming workouts.

That's not to say the other devices aren't good. The Apple Watch is quite accurate when you have an iPhone with you, as it borrows the phone's GPS. The high-end Fitbit Surge model comes with GPS, as does Sony's SmartWatch 3 and Microsoft's Band.

But the Garmin watches I've used do a lot more. You can record splits, such as the time it takes to complete a lap. For pace, you can choose to display current pace, average pace for the whole run or average pace since the last split.

The model I currently use, the Forerunner 310XT, is bulky and isn't meant for all-day use. There's no touch screen or anything fancy. But it's great for what it's supposed to do. Plus, because it's an older model, you can find one for well below the $250 suggested retail price.



AP

A Garmin Forerunner 310XT GPS Sports Running Multisports Speed & Distance Watch, an Amazon Kindle, Apple iPod Shuffle and a Canon S110 camera are arranged for a photo in New York, Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2015.

E-BOOK READERS

With a stand-alone reader, I'm not constantly tempted to check email and Facebook, as I am reading on a tablet. In addition, e-reader screens are typically better than tablets outdoors because they have to be only good for displaying black-and-white text—not colorful video, photos or magazines. With tablets, you have glare.

I've found Amazon's Kindles among the best e-readers. They tend to be slimmer and lighter than other readers, and they have reading-related extras, such as more information on characters, places and terms in a novel.

The $119 Paperwhite model will be adequate for most people. The Voyage has conveniences such as auto-brightness for the screen, but it's also $80 more.

DIGITAL CAMERAS

I used to shudder when I saw people rely on smartphones for their precious digital memories, as stand-alone cameras were much better. But these days, I usually leave my stand-alones behind, too. Smartphones have improved tremendously and even outsmart point-and-shoot cameras sometimes with advanced software.

Stand-alone cameras still excel in two ways:

■ When you're zooming on a phone, you're getting a software adjustment that's akin to cropping. The zoomed images won't be as sharp as what you get with either point-and-shoots or full-bodied, SLR cameras. Phones are too thin to have the lens itself do the zooming by projecting out.

■ SLR cameras have larger sensors, which can pick up light better. In low-light environments, the phone camera's shutter has to stay open slightly longer to let in enough light, a technique that introduces blur. Better phones have image-stabilizing technology to counter that, but it's not the same as getting enough light to begin with.

Usually, a good phone camera is good enough, but it's no match for a stand-alone camera, particularly an SLR, for those special moments.

WHEN PHONES ARE BETTER

Navigation is one area where a phone will do just as well—perhaps even better—than a stand-alone GPS device in a car. A mapping app on a phone is more portable, for starters, and can be used for walking and transit directions, not just driving.

A stand-alone GPS device can be mounted on the windshield and won't drain your phone's battery, but you can counter that with a mounting accessory for your phone and a charger that plugs into the car's cigarette lighter.

As much as I like stand-alone gadgets for many tasks, I don't see navigation as one of them.

Science Matters
Air blocks, pulls back big trucks
When big tractor-trailers cruise at highway speed, aerodynamic drag accounts for over 65% of their fuel consumption, but streamlining can make them much more efficient.
At front and sides
Air compresses, resists being pushed aside
High-pressure areas form:
• Low in front of tractor
• At front of trailer
• In front of trailer wheels
More speed, worse drag
300
200
100
0
Power used to overcome drag (hp)
Speed (mph)
30
50
70
90
At the rear
Partial vacuum forms, pulls vehicle backward
Air pressure is lowest:
• Behind tractor
• At rear of trailer
Ways to reduce drag
1 Streamlining fairings
2 Trailer gap reducers
3 Trailer nose cone
4 Air flow tabs
5 Trailer fairings
6 Trailer skirts
7 Trailer 'boat tail'
8 Teardrop trailer
10% FUEL SAVING
TEARDROP TRAILER
Another innovation: Extra-wide tire replaces two standard tires; reduces rolling friction without sacrificing traction
Source: NASA Ames Center, SmartTruck Systems, Trailer Tail, ATDynamics, Michelin
Graphic: Helen Lee McComas, Tribune News Service

Netflix to make Asian debut with Sept. 2 launch in Japan

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Netflix will expand into Japan next month to give the Internet video service its first presence in Asia.

Japanese subscribers will be able to start watching Netflix on Internet-connected devices beginning Sept. 2.

Netflix already sells its services in dozens of other countries outside the U.S. as part of its ambition to be available throughout the world by the end of next year.

The costs of the international expansion have been holding down Netflix's profits, but investors haven't minded because the company has been quickly winning over new customers. Netflix now has about 65 million subscribers, more than twice as many as it had three years ago.

Netflix's stock surged to a new high of $122.79 during Tuesday's trading and has more than doubled so far this year.

TECH Q&A

Windows 10 upgrade can be reversed easily

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Q: Because there are features of Windows 7 that will be eliminated by upgrading a PC to Windows 10 (such as DVD software and some games), some of us may decide we don't like it. Will it be possible to easily revert to Windows 7 if I change my mind about Windows 10?—Tom Bartlett, Moultonborough, N.H.

A: Microsoft has made it surprisingly easy to return your PC to Windows 7 or Windows 8.1, as long as you do it within one month of upgrading to Windows 10. A file stored on the C drive called "Windows.old" contains the files needed to return to your previous operating system. After a month, that file is automatically deleted to save hard disk space.

To uninstall Windows 10 within the first month, go to the Start menu and choose "settings." From the resulting menu, choose "update and security," then click "recovery." You'll be given the option to "go back" to Windows 7 or Windows 8.1, depending on what you had previously. Click "get started." Your previous version of Windows will then be restored, and Windows 10 will be gone. For details, see tinyurl.com/pta5nw2.

If you wait longer than a month to change your mind, you'll have to return to your earlier operating system the hard way, by using an original install disk or by downloading a copy of your previous operating system from Microsoft. Either method wipes out any data or programs you've accumulated since you bought the computer.

To download your old operating system, you'll need the PC's "product key" to prove to Microsoft that you're entitled to do so. The product key will be on a "certificate of authenticity" sticker on the outside of the PC, stored in a computer file or embedded in a PC computer chip. For help finding it, see tinyurl.com/nch3av6. For details on downloading old versions of Windows, see tinyurl.com/knfxe3b for Windows 7 or tinyurl.com/bkpy97u for Windows 8.1

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Off The Wall

Drone drops drugs in prison yard, spurring inmate fight

MANSFIELD, Ohio (AP)—A drone dropped a package of drugs into a prison yard while inmates were outside, sparking a fight, prison officials said.

The package was dropped July 29 at the Mansfield Correctional Institution, about 65 miles southwest of Cleveland. It contained almost a quarter of an ounce of heroin, over 2 ounces of marijuana and more than 5 ounces of tobacco, JoEllen Smith, a spokeswoman for the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, told the Mansfield News Journal.

Smith said there have been other instances of drones breaching security and the agency is taking steps to increase awareness and improve drone detection.

According to the department, video footage showed the drone over recreation yards immediately before a fight began. An investigation determined the drone dropped a package intended for an inmate on the north recreation yard, and it was then thrown over a fence to the south recreation yard.

Two corrections officers called for assistance and ordered the inmates to stop fighting, according to the department. They used pepper spray to control the fight.

About 75 inmates in the north recreation yard and 130 on the south recreation yard were taken to the gyms, where they were strip-searched, run through a cell sensor and checked by a clinic. The nine people involved in the fight were placed in solitary confinement. No staff members or inmates were injured, the department said.

Last year, the Mansfield post of the Ohio Highway Patrol increased efforts to watch and catch criminals who throw contraband over prison fences.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Man throws away, recovers lottery tickets worth $10,000

ROME, Ga. (AP)—A north Georgia man has recovered $10,000 worth of lottery tickets he had thrown away in the trash. Multiple media outlets report that Cedric Jackson on Friday thought that he had narrowly missed winning a $5,000 jackpot on two lottery tickets. Jackson, who lives in Rome, Georgia, says he asked a convenience store employee to throw the tickets away Saturday, but later that day realized his tickets had in fact been winners. Jackson returned to the store. After going through the store's trash can and dumpster in vain, Jackson left the store empty-handed. It wasn't until later in the day that the employee, Ricky Singh, remembered he had thrown the tickets into a trash can inside an inner office. Singh called Jackson to tell him he'd found the winning tickets.

2 arrested after meth lab remnants found in Iowa Taco Bell

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (AP)—Authorities say two men have been arrested after the remnants of a methamphetamine lab were found inside a Taco Bell in eastern Iowa. The Cedar Rapids Police Department says officers found two men outside the restaurant early Tuesday. One identified himself as a Taco Bell employee. Officers entered the closed restaurant and found meth lab remnants in a utility area. The men were identified as 31-year-old Christopher Adam Matous and 56-year-old Kent Jerome Duby. They were arrested and charged with conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine. Matous faces additional charges including meth possession. Court records do not list attorneys who could comment for the men. Taco Bell says in a statement that one of the men was an employee who's now fired. They say the restaurant will be sanitized before it reopens.

German mechanic wins pay for changing, but not for showers

BERLIN (AP)—A German court says a municipal bus mechanic can have hundreds of euros (dollars) in back pay for time spent changing into his work clothes—but not for time he spent showering. The state labor court in Duesseldorf said the man and the local transport authority in Oberhausen reached a settlement Monday that will see him get 375 euros ($412) to cover the 10 minutes per day that he spent changing into and out of his uniform over a seven-month period last year. The plaintiff also had sought to be paid for a daily 10 minutes spent in the shower after work, But the court questioned whether that could be counted as time on the job and also wondered "whether 10 minutes is not too long for a shower."

Michigan township draws more people to meeting with hot dogs

VICTORY TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP)—Here's a way to boost interest in local government: potato salad. A township board in northern Michigan held a lakeside picnic Monday before its regular meeting. After an hour of hot dogs and side dishes, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Victory Township board meeting was officially in order. The Ludington Daily News says about two dozen people attended the picnic and meeting at Upper Hamlin Lake in Mason County. Only three people attended the June meeting at the township hall. There were reports from law enforcement and a lake preservation group. The board also discussed a junk ordinance.

Pennsylvania man waives hearing in fake DUI checkpoint case

SOMERSET, Pa. (AP)—A man charged with setting up a fake drunken-driving checkpoint while pretending to be a Pennsylvania state trooper must now stand trial. State troopers from Somerset say 19-year-old Logan Shaulis was drunk when he parked his vehicle diagonally across state Route 601 and set up road flares at about 4 a.m. on May 30. A motorist who stopped says Shaulis claimed he was a trooper with the "drug and alcohol division" and demanded to see a driver's license, registration and insurance papers. When police arrived, police say Shaulis tried to hand a BB pistol to the car's passenger, saying he couldn't get caught with it.

Police: Fake officer tried to pull over off-duty Ohio cop

NORTH KINGSVILLE, Ohio (AP)—Authorities in northeast Ohio say a man pretending to be a police officer was caught and charged because the driver targeted by his bogus traffic stop was a real officer. Police in North Kingsville say an off-duty Youngstown officer was stopped Sunday night by the alleged impersonator, who was driving a black sport utility vehicle with red and blue emergency-style lights. Village police Chief Hugh Flanigan tells The Star-Beacon in nearby Ashtabula that the unarmed man in civilian clothes repeatedly tried to convince the Youngstown officer that he was a real lawman, but eventually drove away. Flanigan says the officer contacted village police, who found the suspect within minutes. A prosecutor says the 42-year-old North Kingsville man faces a misdemeanor charge of impersonating an officer.

In celebration of his New Life

Frankie Babauta Castro

Lovingly known as "KO"

Born to life on July 17, 1970 and was called to eternal rest on August 01, 2015

In his new life, he now joins his:
Father: †Augustin Manibusan Castro
Grandparents:
†Jose Villagomez and †Rosa Manibusan Castro
†Joaquin Cruz and †Rufina Lizama Babauta

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:
Wife: **Faustina Evangelista Indalecio**
Children and Grandchildren:
Sonia Castro Cabrera & Gabby Cabrera
(Taylor Jade, Alejandro Evans, Hailey Reese)
Frankie Indalecio Castro Jr.
Justice Aaron Evangelista
Augustin Manuel Indalecio Castro
Mother: Rita Babauta Castro

Brothers, Sisters & In-laws:
Acelia C. Dela Cruz/Ray Dela Cruz and Children
Lavena C. Babauta/Urbano Babauta Jr., and Children
Victor Babauta Castro
Robert B. Castro/Crystal Castro and Children

Parents In-Law:
Manuel Aldan Indalecio & Ramona Evangelista Indalecio

Brothers In-Law & Sisters In-Law:
Lucy Quitugua/Vince Manglona and Children
Joan D. Aldan/Francisco Aldan and Children
Arlene I. Reyes/Nick Reyes and Children
Raymond E. Indalecio/Vannie Camacho and Children
Everett E. Indalecio/Naydine Aguon and Children
Fatima I. Borja/Joseph Borja and Children
Alexandro Evangelista/Grace Evangelista and Children
JP E. Indalecio
Gian Carlo Evangelista/Christine Santos and Daughter

He will be greatly missed by numerous Aunts, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews, Cousins and Friends.

Daily mass of intentions for the repose of his soul is being celebrated each evening at 5:45pm at Nuestra Senora de Soledad Church in Kagman.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, August 10, 2015. His remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 7:30am to Nuestra Senora de Soledad Church in Kagman Saipan. Responso Service will be at 8:00am followed by Holy Rosary at 8:15am.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Nuestra Senora de Soledad Church followed by Interment Service at Sanctuario PAX in Kagman where he will be at a peaceful rest.

Please join us in prayers.
Thank you – Si Yu'us Ma'ase

Faustina Evangelista Indalecio, Children and Family
Rita Babauta Castro and Family

Life & Style

Study throws harsh light on inequality in popular movies

NEW YORK (AP)—Women had less than a third of speaking parts in the most popular films from 2007 to 2014, according to a new study that gives further evidence of persistent inequality in Hollywood, on-screen and off.

The University of Southern California's Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism examined the 700 top-grossing films between 2007 and 2014 for the study, released Wednesday. The results, researchers said, reveal "a complete picture of Hollywood's indisputable bias against featuring females, people of color and LGBT characters on screen."

USC found little signs of improvement. In 2014's 100 most popular movies, 21 featured a female lead, about the same percentage as the 20 found among the top films of 2007.

Behind the camera isn't better. Of the top 100 films in 2014, two were directed by women. In 2007, there were three. Of the 700 films examined, three were directed by African-Americans.

"By examining the trends over time, it is clear that no progress has been made either on screen or behind the camera when it comes to representing reality," said USC professor Stacy L. Smith, author of the study. "This report reflects a dismal record of diversity for not just one group, but for females, people of color and the LGBT community."

The study adds to a growing body of data that has illustrated equality in the movie industry. In May, the American Civil Liberties Union asked state and federal agencies to investigate the hiring practices by the major studios, networks and talent agencies, specifically in regard to the hiring of female directors.

USC's Media, Diversity and Social Change Initiative has focused on analyzing the most popular movies in recent years, which encompasses most studio releases and some independent films.

It found that among the top 100 movies last year, 73.1 percent of all speaking or named characters were white; 4.9 percent were Hispanic; 12.5 percent were black; 5.3 percent were Asian. None starred a female actor older than 45.

Santa Fe Opera to commission production on Steve Jobs

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—Since his death in 2011, Apple co-founder Steve Jobs has been the subject of documentaries, books, a film and even a graphic novel.

Now the technology pioneer will be the focus of an upcoming opera.

In front of the Sangre de Cristo mountains in northern New Mexico, the Santa Fe Opera announced Wednesday that its latest commission will be based on the man who helped revolutionize personal computers, the music business and, of course, brought the world the iPhone.

"The Revolution of Steve Jobs" will premiere during the company's 2017 season and will be written by composer Mason Bates and librettist Mark Campbell, opera leadership said. According to the opera, the production will examine Jobs facing his own mortality and circles back to the events and people in his past that shaped and inspired him.

Jobs

The move comes as New Mexico in recent years has worked to honor it connections to technology innovators like Jobs and Microsoft founder Bill Gates. For example, a Route 66 motor lodge in Albuquerque where Bill Gates and Paul Allen lived while launching Microsoft Corp. is being redeveloped into apartments as part of a neighborhood revival project.

While Gates worked on his project, Jobs operated from in his garage in Los Altos, California, and with partner Steve Wozniak released the compact Apple II at the time Albuquerque was a technology hub.

He was fired from Apple in 1985 in a board coup but came back 11 years later. On his second tour, he introduced the iMac, the iPod and the iPhone.

That journey is the perfect story for an opera, General Director Charles MacKay said. "We are delighted to take this journey into the life and legacy of a distinctly American figure through the creative genius of Mason Bates and Mark Campbell," MacKay said.

Bates said the story of Jobs is a great intersection of creativity, innovation and human communication. His relationship with those who helped him along that journey also will help tell the story in the opera, Bates said.

Shonda Rhimes: Killing McDreamy 'wasn't easy or fun'

AP
In this image released by ABC, Patrick Dempsey appears in a scene from "Grey's Anatomy," which aired April 23. ABC President Paul Lee was asked Tuesday, Aug. 4, about the decision to kill off Dempsey's character, Derek "McDreamy" Shepherd, from the show.

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Shonda Rhimes says it "wasn't easy or fun" to kill Patrick Dempsey's character off of ABC's "Grey's Anatomy."

Dempsey played Dr. Derek Shepherd, a brain surgeon nicknamed McDreamy, who was Ellen Pompeo's love interest for 11 seasons on the long-running medical soap.

Speaking to TV critics Tuesday, the "Grey's" creator said she was faced with either having Shepherd leave Pompeo's Meredith Grey and taint their love story, or be killed off, keeping it intact.

"The only way to preserve what felt true to me was that Derek was gonna have to die," she said.

Pompeo said that the loss was an interesting challenge creatively because "those are the best scenes to play" as an actor.

She also pointed out the realism of the situation.

"So many people lose their spouses in a myriad of different ways and feel they can't get up again and to tell the story of how life goes on after... that's a story worth telling."

Earlier Tuesday, ABC President Paul Lee also addressed the polarizing choice to kill off Dempsey's character. "It was great to see `Grey's Anatomy' so relevant and taking the national conversation," he said.

Lee went on to say that "It was a difficult decision. Patrick obviously has lots of interests outside," referring to Dempsey's career as an amateur race car driver. "Shonda decided that was the way to go."

Rhimes teased that season 12 will be "lighter in tone" and shows Pompeo's Grey in a position she never thought she'd be in, as a widowed mother.

"Grey's" new season will premiere Sept. 24 at 8 p.m. EDT.

New disc matches Elvis Presley with Royal Philharmonic

NEW YORK (AP)—A new CD scheduled for release in October will unite the music of Elvis Presley with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra on songs like "Burning Love" and "Love Me Tender."

The album, announced Tuesday, also features a duet with Michael Buble on "Fever" and appearances by the singers Il Volo and guitarist Duane Eddy. The orchestra adds its backing to original tracks recorded by Presley, who died in August 1977.

"This is right down the alley for Elvis," said Priscilla Presley, the late singer's former wife. "This is something he would have loved to do."

Presley said the disc, "If I Can Dream: Elvis Presley with The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra," was conceived during discussions she had with producer Don Reedman while she was in London acting in a play two years ago. She admitted initial skepticism, since her role with Elvis' estate requires her to sift through a lot of lousy ideas for use of his name or music.

But it grew on her, and when Elvis' former Las Vegas conductor approached her with a similar idea last year, she saw it as validation. The disc, recorded in London's famed Abbey Road studio, is set to come out Oct. 30.

While Elvis was obviously known best for rock `n' roll, he had a large music collection that encompassed many different styles, she said. And he loved the sound of an orchestra.

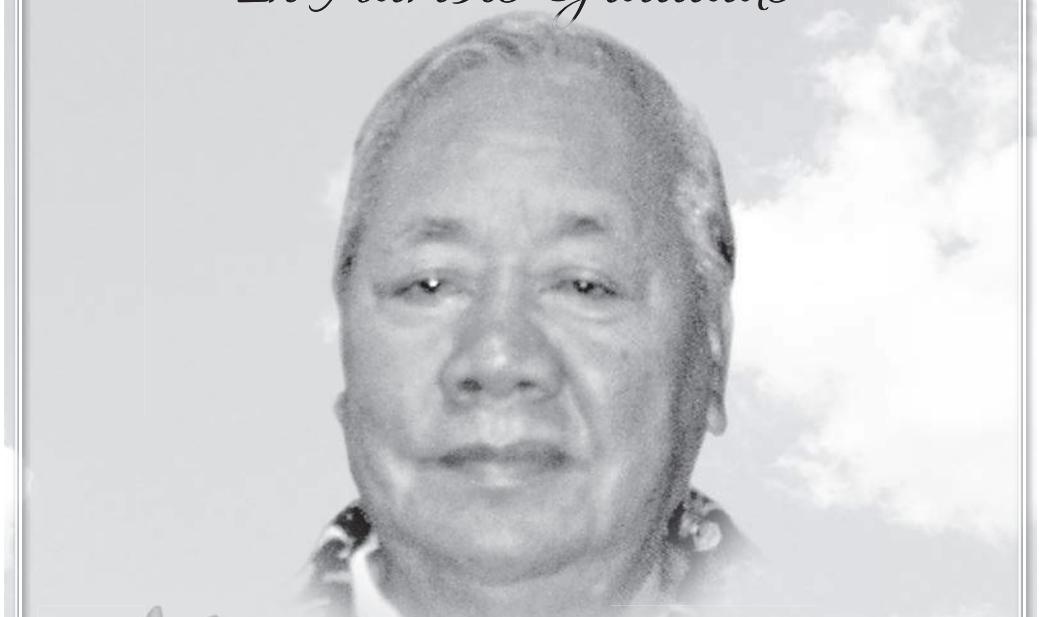
"Knowing him, he wanted bigness, he wanted fullness, he wanted drama," she said. "His manager at the time, Col. Parker, said `just have Elvis singing, that's all the people want.' But onstage, he surrounded himself with the music that influenced him—gospel singers, an orchestra, a rock band. People didn't get that."

She and Reedman obviously include some well-known Presley songs, like "In The Ghetto" and "It's Now or Never." But they also wanted some songs that may be overlooked in his catalog, like Neil Diamond's "And the Grass Won't Pay You No Mind" or a version of "Bridge Over Troubled Water."

The new disc will add to what is already one of the most active and successful entertainment estates, largely through the work of Priscilla and daughter Lisa Marie Presley. Forbes magazine, in its annual list of earnings by dead entertainers, said Presley's estate earned $55 million for the year ending October 2014. That's second to Michael Jackson.

In 2013, Presley's intellectual property rights were sold to Authentic Brands Group, signaling a new activism with the estate. Priscilla Presley also said she's pleased with the work of Sony Legacy, the label that has taken control of packaging Presley's music.

In Humble Gratitude



We the Family of the late

†Jose Hocog Naputi

Would like to express our sincerest appreciation to our friends and relatives, from near and far who have unselfishly came to be with us in so many ways expressing words of wisdom, comforted us and embraces us with love as we mourned untimely passing of our dearly beloved.

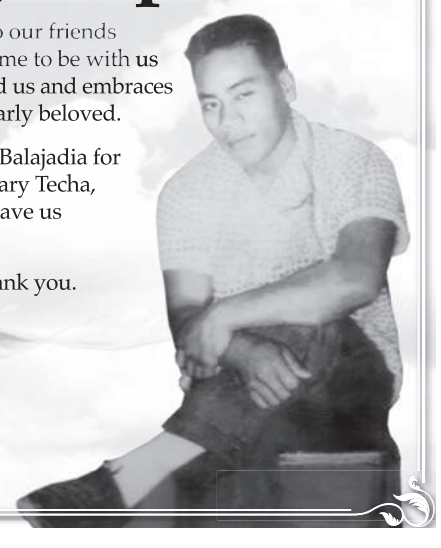
Si Yu'us Ma'ase to Fr. Kenneth Hezel, SJ and Fr. James S. Balajadia for their guidance and consolation, our gratitude to our Rosary Techa, the Doctors, Nurses and Staff of CHCC. Being with us gave us comfort and solace.

To all—all who have helped in one way or another—Thank you.

May God Bless us All.

Peace be with you and your families

Hinara Ada Naputi, Children and Family
Children and families of the late
†Jose H. Naputi and †Matilde S. Naputi



Salma Hayek: Studios 'don't want me but I don't really care'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Salma Hayek says that while Hollywood studios may not be calling as much lately, she's staying plenty busy.

"I think they don't want me but I don't really care," said the Oscar-nominated actress. Hayek produced and voices a character in the animated film adaptation of Lebanese writer Kahlil Gibran's 1923 book of prose poetry, "The Prophet." It's a passion project, opening in U.S. theatres on Aug. 7, that she said was partially inspired by her 7-year-old daughter Valentina Pinault.

"It's meaningful. It's hopeful. It's uplifting. It's respectful. It honors children," Hayek said. "Many people tell me, 'But they are not going to like poetry.' Children love poetry. That's why we have the nursery rhymes and then we don't give it to them anymore. It's their first language. They think in metaphor."

Hayek hasn't been as much of a red carpet fixture as she once was in the entertainment world. She said she's been busy with charity events.

AP

In this April 27, 2015 file photo, Mexican actress Salma Hayek poses for photographers as she arrives for a charity dinner following her international premiere film "The Prophet", an animated feature film she co-produced, in Beirut, Lebanon.

"I've been getting awards from different places for the humanitarian work and I've had a lot of movies come out. Then there is my husband (French billionaire Francois-Henri Pinault) also who takes me to many places. There's that stuff too and I've just been busy with life," she said.

Sitting in a long sleeve striped button-up Gucci wrap dress, the "Frida" actress scrunched her face to display lines when asked about turning 49 next month.

"No Botox yet, you can see," she said, adding that her 40s had been a "great adventure."

"You don't look as bad as you thought you were going to look. You don't feel as old as you thought you were going to feel. It's a myth. Forties are full of life," she said. "The only thing that is tough about the 40s is when you haven't had a child. This is awful."

She added, "And the men today are terrible because when you are coming to the 40s they ... start going away. But you know what? (Not) the good ones."

Creator says Mariah Carey to guest-star on TV's 'Empire'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Mariah Carey is charting course for a new "Empire" with a guest appearance on the popular Fox television series, the show's creator announced Wednesday.

"Empire" creator Lee Daniels announced the Grammy winner would appear on his show while introducing Carey at a ceremony where she received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

"Watch her on 'Empire' you guys. She's coming on 'Empire,'" Daniels said to loud cheers from fans.

Mariah Carey, right, and her son Moroccan Cannon pose during a ceremony honoring Carey with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2015 in Los Angeles.

AP

The Oscar-nominated director didn't elaborate on what role Carey would play, or how she might interact with the show's diva, Cookie Lyon.

Neither Fox nor Carey elaborated on Daniels' announcement, but the network is scheduled to present its plans for "Empire" and other upcoming shows at a Television Critics Association panel on Thursday.

Carey, 45, has appeared in the films "Lee Daniels' The Butler" and "Precious: Based on the Novel 'Push' by Sapphire," which earned Daniels two Academy Award nominations.

She has won five Grammy Awards since releasing her debut album in 1990. She also served as a judge on Fox's "American Idol" competition series for one season.

Brad Paisley, Carrie Underwood host CMAs for 8th year

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Country stars Carrie Underwood and Brad Paisley will return to host the Country Music Association Awards on ABC this fall for an eighth straight year.

The 49th annual awards show will air live from Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tennessee, on Nov. 4.

Paisley, who is currently out on his Crushin' It World Tour, has won 14 CMA awards in his career, which makes him No. 5 on the list of top CMA winners of all time. Underwood, who put out a greatest hits album last year celebrating her first decade as an artist, has seven Grammy Awards and five CMA awards.

The final nominees in each of the 12 categories will be announced on Wednesday, Sept. 9.

Johnson: I had a big ego during 'Miami Vice' days

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Time has humbled Don Johnson.

It's been 30 years since his TV cop hit "Miami Vice" went on the air and the actor says he's changed since then.

"I was a brash, terrified, young man with a big ego and a lot of ambition," Johnson, now 65, told a panel of TV critics Wednesday.

"I would like to think that since then I've let those things that don't really serve you kind of fall to the wayside, and really for me, it's about the joy and enthusiasm that comes with being given the opportunity that comes with being here to do this."

Johnson was promoting his ABC drama, "Blood & Oil." It's set against the biggest oil find in American history in a North Dakota town, where a millionaire is said to be made every day.

If it sounds like "Dallas," Johnson said it's not.

"The only thing we have in common is tangentially oil is a part of it," he said.

The cast includes Chace Crawford, Scott Michael Foster and Amber Valletta.

"Blood & Oil" premieres Sept. 27 at 9 p.m. EDT.

'The Daily Show' set donated to Newseum

WASHINGTON (AP)—The set of "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" will be donated to the Newseum after Stewart's final episode.

Newseum spokesman Jonathan Thompson said in a news release that the museum will acquire the set, including the desk, globe and props, after Stewart hosts his final episode Thursday night.

The set will become part of the Newseum's collection for future display.

Cathy Trost, senior vice president of exhibits and programs at the Newseum, says Stewart was a voice for a strong and free press.

Stewart has hosted the program on Comedy Central since 1999.

Swimming pool lifeguards can't be baby sitters too

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is a lifeguard at a local pool.

Caregivers, PLEASE take note: While she's disciplining your child for dunking another, she cannot watch other children who might be struggling to catch a breath. You cannot possibly watch all the children you brought with you while you're busy on your cellphone.

Yes, lifeguards save lives. But if the lifeguard has to be a disciplinarian and a baby sitter as well as do her own job, she might not see the baby who fell into the pool while you were flirting with the sexy guy sitting near you. Having a lifeguard present does not excuse parents from taking care of their children. Do YOUR job and prevent a tragedy from happening.

VIGILANT IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR VIGILANT: Thank you for reminding parents how important it is to watch their children at ALL times when they're near water. Too often we hear about the drowning death of a child because someone was distracted "for just a few moments." I hope my readers will take to heart your important message.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 50-year-old gay man, out of the closet for 10 years. Throughout my life I have had to deal with low self-esteem and other issues. When I came out, my life changed dramatically for the better. However, I have never been in any kind of relationship. I never had a girlfriend when I was trying to pass for straight, nor have I ever had a boyfriend. Outside of immediate family, no one has ever said "I love you" to me. I'm the type of person who is instantly "friend-zoned."

As I get older, I'm feeling lonelier and lonelier. Friends tell me I'm better off, because lovers just break your heart. I'm willing to risk that for the opportunity to tell someone I love them and hear it in return, but at this point, I have no idea where to begin.

I have tried dating, but nothing has ever progressed beyond a first date. I don't know if there's something about my personality that makes me undatable or what. Do you have any advice?

ALONE IN MISSOURI

DEAR ALONE: I doubt there is anything wrong with your personality. That you have never been in a relationship may have left you a little rough around the edges when it comes to romance.

I'm a firm believer that the more exposure someone has, the better the chances of finding what you're looking for. If you aren't active with a gay and lesbian community center, go online to lgbtcenters.org and research some in your area. You have to be "out there" for Prince Charming to find you. Join talk groups, fundraising groups, sports activities, and look into online dating. While you shouldn't go around with "Needy" tattooed on your forehead, let your friends—gay and straight—know you'd like to meet someone nice. Who knows? Maybe someone will have a brother—or an uncle.

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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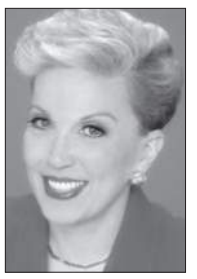

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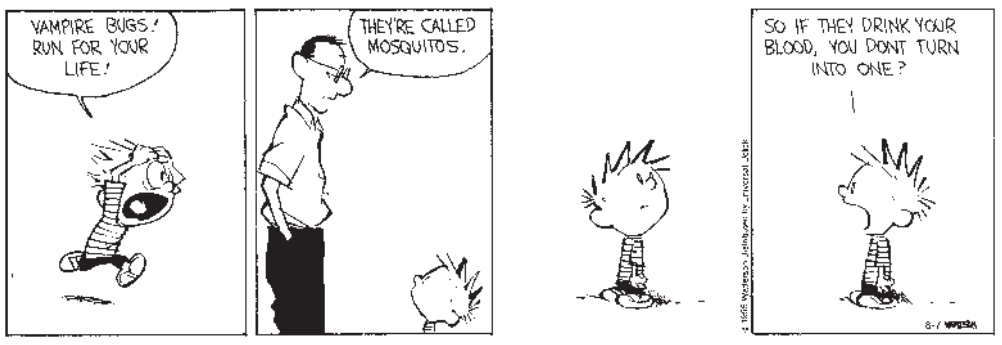
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



Garfield®

By Jim Davis

Adam@Home

By Bryan Basset

I SEE YOUR KIDS HAVE A LEMONADE STAND.
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THEY'RE KIND OF SHADY AS BUSINESS OWNERS.
AND DON'T FALL FOR THE "BOTTOMLESS CUP" DEAL.
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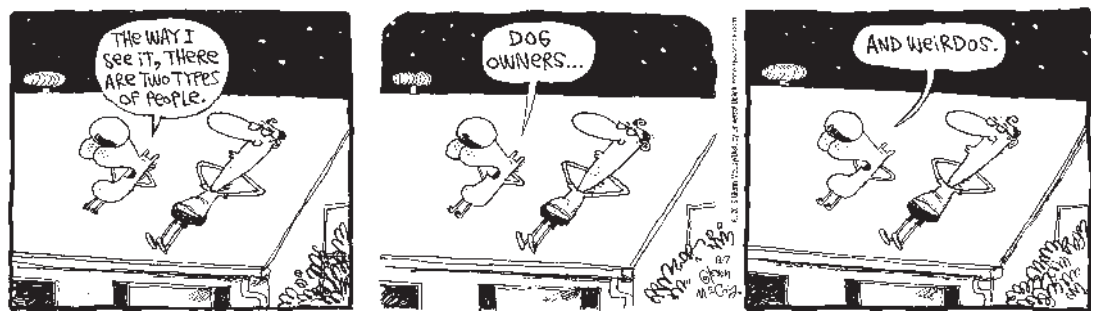
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



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By Eugene Sheffer

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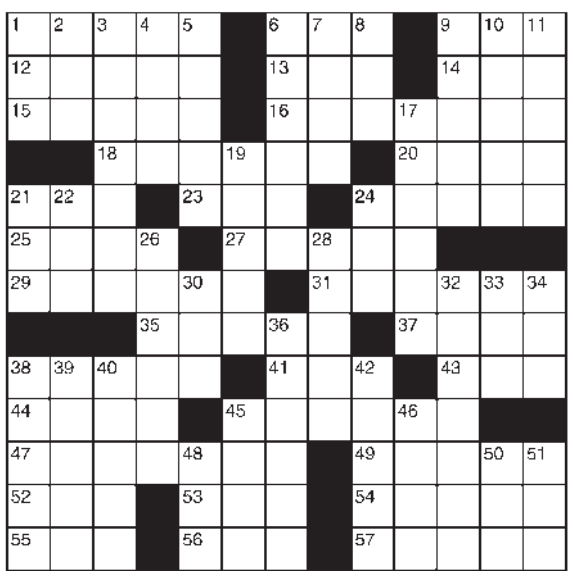

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Happy Birthday: Good fortune will be yours if you are diligent and push to get ahead professionally. Your ability to learn on the spot and to adapt to whatever changes occur around you will help you remain in the game. Personal changes that are geared toward self-improvement are encouraged and will help build your confidence as well as your reputation. Your numbers are 2, 10, 18, 25, 32, 36, 41.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Set up interviews or check out online job postings. You'll make a good impression if you send out your resume or discuss what you have to offer based on your past experiences. Romance and making personal living changes are encouraged. ✪✪✪

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GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Ask questions if you feel someone is withholding information. Your ability to get others to share secrets will help you make decisions that will influence your future. Changes to your home or where you live are encouraged. ✪✪✪

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LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Look at your job options. Don't limit yourself to a geographical location. Sometimes moving to where the action is professionally is the best answer. Send out your resume and prepare to negotiate. A past partner will influence your decision. ✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Keep your distance from anyone who puts demands on you. Take care of your own business first before you take on something that has absolutely no benefits for you. Don't let an emotional matter lead to a mishap. ✪✪✪✪✪

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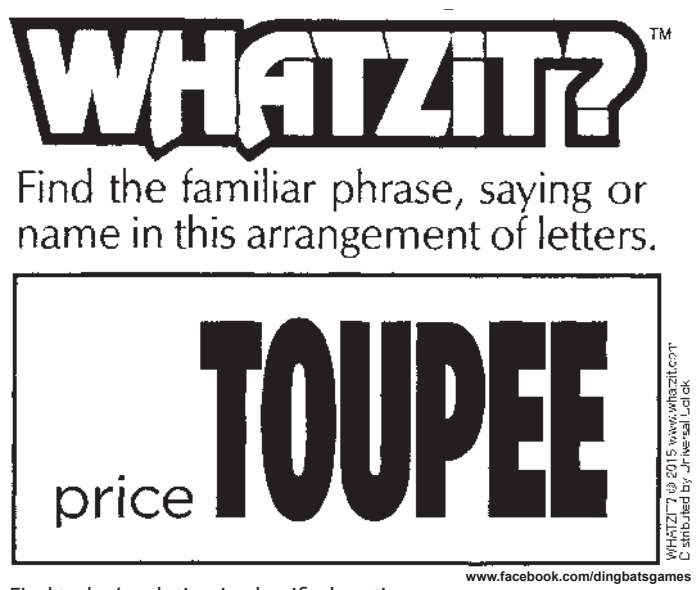
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Judge overseeing Brady case no stranger to big personalities

NEW YORK (AP)—If there's anybody who can take the hot air out of football's "Deflategate," it's a Manhattan federal judge with a history of encouraging fast resolutions to perplexing problems.

Judge Richard M. Berman quickly defined the ground rules in his first written orders after the National Football League and the NFL Players Association clashed over Commissioner Roger Goodell's four-game suspension of New England Patriots star quarterback Tom Brady—that settling the case is a priority, the heated rhetoric must stop, documents will be public and Goodell and Brady will have to come to court.

Berman is the right judge to navigate the pressures of the Brady-Goodell showdown, said Judge William H. Pauley III, who presided over a lawsuit New York Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez brought against Major League Baseball last year over his suspension.

"Everybody's under pressure, not just Tom Brady," Pauley said. "If there's anybody on our bench who can resolve a case, it's Richard."

Berman, 71, assigned randomly to the case, will preside over a hearing Aug. 12 after the league requested a judgment saying Goodell acted legally when he punished Brady after a league-sponsored investigation concluded the Patriots supplied improperly under-inflated footballs when New England topped the Indianapolis Colts 45-7 in the conference championship game. The union wants the suspension lifted, arguing that an arbitration that went against the quarterback was a sham.

The parties will be contending with "a famous settlement judge," Chief Judge Loretta A. Preska said. "He's very good at it. He understands people and the pressures on people and he's always calm himself, never ruffled."

AP

In this Jan. 10, 2015, file photo, New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (12) rolls out to pass against the Baltimore Ravens in the first half of an NFL divisional playoff football game in Foxborough, Mass.

Preska recalled introducing the one-time family court judge to his colleagues after his 1998 appointment to the bench by President Bill Clinton.

At the gathering of the 2nd Circuit Judicial Conference, she held up a pen that she said Berman gave lawyers when they settled cases. The pen, she noted, contained a quote from the first rule of civil procedure, which cautions that the rules should be "construed and administered to ensure the just, speedy and inexpensive determination of every action."

Pauley said Berman's unusually diverse background gives him additional tools to resolve cases, whether it was time spent as a senior aide to a U.S. senator or experience as an executive of a then-fledgling cable company that became a giant: Time Warner Cable.

Berman declined a request this week to be interviewed while the NFL dispute is ongoing. He told the New York Law Journal last year that he believes the role of a judge is to "justly" and "speedily" move civil cases to conclusion.

"This means that I pursue settlement options early and often; I try to rule on motions quickly and I try not to waste any time at trial," he said.

He also told the newspaper that he's "somewhat of a news/TV junkie" who, if not a judge, would probably continue in the media and communications business. Berman noted he was general counsel of Warner Cable and MTV Networks Inc. when pay-per-view was developed, the first video disc jockeys were hired and the first music videos were released.

In 17 years on the bench, Berman has faced more than the usual caseload of famous and infamous defendants and has shown a knack for brushing aside distractions to resolve underlying legal issues. When he decides someone has abused the judicial system, he can be harsh.

In 2012, he gave actor Michael Douglas' son a break, sentencing Cameron Douglas to only five years in prison on drug charges after he cooperated with the government. But he later doubled the sentence to 10 years and scolded the son, calling him "destructive" and "manipulative" after he persuaded a lawyer-turned-love interest to sneak drugs into prison in her bra.

Perhaps his most challenging case came when Aafia Siddiqui, a Pakistani scientist who trained at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Brandeis University, was charged with shooting at FBI agents and U.S. soldiers at an Afghan police station in 2008. She punctuated her court appearances with outbursts that called her sanity and the likelihood of a trial into question. She was convicted and sentenced to 86 years in prison.

Sabrina Shroff, an assistant public defender who observed some Siddiqui proceedings, said Berman "has a knack for recognizing exactly what it takes to run a courtroom."

"Never was this more apparent than in the trial of Aafia Siddiqui who was a very sad and troubled defendant. It was obvious he was deeply concerned about her all through the trial and his concern for her continued even after her conviction," Shroff said.

In April 2001, Berman demonstrated his distaste for lawyers wasting the time of the court and jurors after a record company in a claim against former Motley Crue drummer Tommy Lee settled with a Swedish man just as a jury reached a verdict. Berman instructed the jury to reveal its verdict in Lee's favor, prompting the drummer who had argued against settling to curse his lawyers and yell "Idiot!"

Preska said there's a practical reason why Berman prefers parties to settle.

"On the one hand, there's just the fight," she said. "But also, if we have to make a ruling, often it's with a meat cleaver. They can craft a settlement with a scalpel, a much more nuanced settlement that will make everybody happy."

Witten, Cowboys seek repeat playoff run after past failures

OXNARD, Calif. (AP)—Jason Witten doesn't deny that the Cowboys had a more complicated locker room with Terrell Owens in it and a different message coming from the top when Wade Phillips was the coach.

The star tight end also says those factors were far from the most important when Dallas missed the playoffs the last two times it reported to training camp as NFC East champion.

"There was a different culture, different coaches, different players, maybe some different motives at times," Witten said. "Ultimately, we just didn't make plays. For us, your ability to kind of dumb it down and say in these plays, in these games, we didn't play well."

The Cowboys are back in that position for the first time since 2010, when they started 1-4 before Tony Romo's broken collarbone ruined a season that bottom out at 1-7, prompting the firing of Phillips and promotion of Jason Garrett.

Garrett has been big on "ground zero" talk in the week since the Cowboys traveled to California coming off his first division title and playoff victory as coach. Dallas went 12-4 in the regular season and beat Detroit in a wild-card game before a divisional round loss to Green Bay that turned on receiver Dez Bryant's much-debated catch that wasn't.

But don't talk to him about how "close" the Cowboys were a year ago. Or that the Super Bowl-winning Dallas teams he was on in the 1990s built on the success of previous seasons.

"There was never a feeling of entitlement," Garrett said. "If you ever went to one of those ball practices back then, it was competitive every minute of every day. It wasn't about, `Hey, what I did yesterday.' Nobody on that team, nobody in that locker room, nobody in that culture would allow that mentality to sink in."

Witten and Romo had their best regular season in 2007, going 13-3 to win their first NFC East title together. But after getting a first-round bye, the Cowboys lost to the New York Giants, who upset undefeated New England in the Super Bowl.

A year later, Dallas was 8-4 before losing three of its last four and missing the playoffs. The season ended with hints of a divided locker room, and the offseason release of Owens in what owner and general manager Jerry Jones called a "Romo-friendly" move.

The Cowboys won their first playoff game in 13 years after taking the division title in 2009 before the next season started with a rash of puzzling losses, punctuated by Romo's season-ending injury.

"In some ways, we're a little bit of a different team, our style," Romo said. "In 2010 we didn't have the personnel we had. When I saw that some guys got older, some guys were gone, some had injuries, so there is a lot of things that play into it."

Dallas has to replace NFL rushing champion DeMarco Murray after letting him go to division rival Philadelphia in free agency. But Romo is coming off his most efficient season, Bryant has a new contract after leading the NFL in touchdown catches and a young offensive line is considered one of the best in the league.

The Cowboys tried to shore up an improving defense by signing former Carolina pass rusher Greg Hardy in free agency and drafting a defensive end in the second round for the second straight year (Randy Gregory after DeMarcus Lawrence in 2014). They also re-signed Rolando McClain, who should get to play alongside Sean Lee after coming in as his emergency replacement last year.

Hardy (domestic violence case) and McClain (violation of substance-abuse policy) are both suspended for the first four games of the regular season.

"Last year when I stood at these press conferences early on, we were probably considered a bottom five or a bottom 10 team in the National Football League," Garrett said. "The best thing our team did last year is they didn't listen to all that.

"They focused on what they needed to do each and every day to define themselves as a football team, establish their identity and show people who we were. That's the same message to our team this year."

Romo and Witten are by far the strongest voices carrying that message, unlike five years ago when they were important but still surrounded by veterans with more tenure. Now going into their 13th NFL season together, they are two of just three on the team with double-digit tenures. The other is long snapper Louis-Philippe Ladouceur (11).

"Last year was good run," Witten said. "Ultimately, it wasn't what we wanted. You put it behind you. You go back and re-evaluate it and set the goals high. There was a culture last year that everybody was on edge. We have to keep that."

And keep making plays, as Witten might say.

Grichuk's solo homer in 13th rallies Cardinals over Reds

CINCINNATI (AP) — Matt Carpenter tied it with a solo homer in the eighth, and Randal Grichuk connected in the 13th in the St. Louis Cardinals' 4-3 victory over the Cincinnati Reds in Major League Baseball on Wednesday.

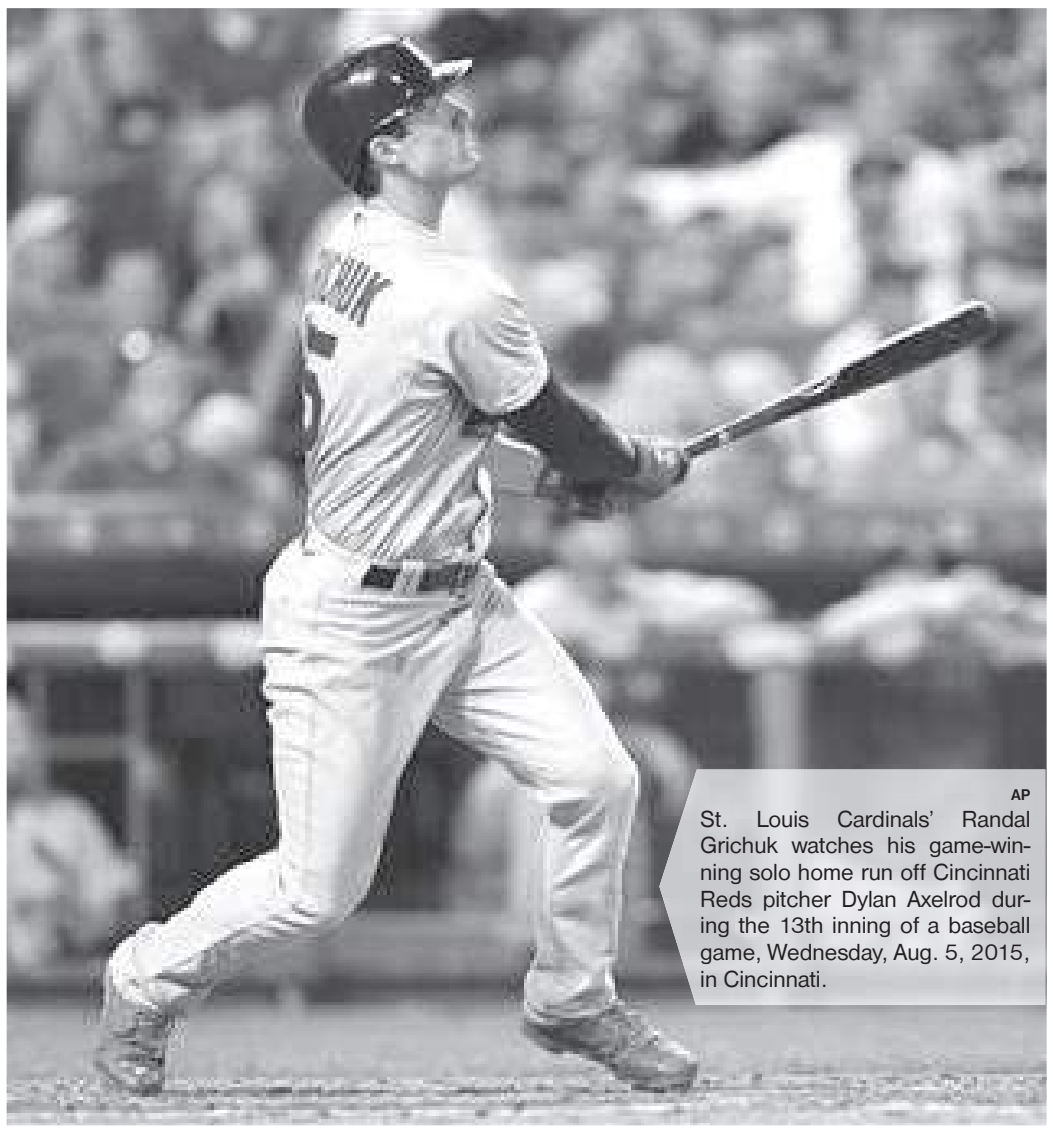
Grichuk was moved up to second in the Cardinals' struggling batting order. He doubled home a run in the sixth inning and hit his 15th homer in the 13th off Dylan Axelrod (0-1), Cincinnati's eighth pitcher.

Seth Maness (4-1) gave up a pair of walks in two innings.

Manager Mike Matheny changed the batting order—Grichuk went from batting eighth on Tuesday to second—to try to spark his struggling offense, but the Cardinals didn't get much going until late in the game.

Left-hander David Holmberg allowed two runs, including Grichuk's RBI double off the top of the wall in center that cut it to 3-2 in the sixth.

Carpenter tied it with a homer in the eighth off J.J. Hoover, only the third that the reliever has allowed this season. It was Carpenter's fifth homer in his last six games.



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St. Louis Cardinals' Randal Grichuk watches his game-winning solo home run off Cincinnati Reds pitcher Dylan Axelrod during the 13th inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2015, in Cincinnati.

Angels 4, Indians 3

In Anaheim, California, C.J. Cron hit a tying two-run single with two out and the bases loaded in the ninth inning against Cleveland closer Cody Allen and pinch-runner Taylor Featherston scored on a wild pitch, giving the Los Angeles Angels a 4-3 victory Wednesday.

Allen (1-4), coming in to protect a 3-1 lead for Danny Salazar, was charged with his third blown save in 25 chances after giving up a one-out single to Albert Pujols and two-out walks to Erick Aybar and Conor Gillaspie. Cron lined an 0-1 pitch to center to tie it, and Allen uncorked his fourth wild pitch of the season and second of the inning with pinch-hitter David DeJesus at the plate.

The Angels came in 0-44 when trailing after eight.

Cam Bedrosian (1-0), the son of 1987 Cy Young Award-winning closer Steve Bedrosian, pitched a perfect ninth for his first career victory. Jose Ramirez and Ryan Raburn hit leadoff homers in the sixth and seventh innings Angels starter-Hector Santiago.

Mets 8, Marlins 6

In Miami, closer Jeurys Familia finally got the last out and New York halted Miami's furious six-run rally in the ninth inning, holding off the Marlins for its sixth straight victory.

Ahead 8-0 going into the ninth, the NL East-leading Mets saw the Marlins actually bring the potential winning run to the plate. Familia retired Christian Yelich on a grounder with two runners on to end it.

Juan Uribe hit a three-run homer and Lucas Duda drove in three runs, giving Matt Harvey (10-7) a huge lead. Harvey pitched seven dominant innings, giving up two hits and striking out six without a walk.

Mets relievers Eric O'Flaherty, acquired Tuesday from Oakland, Hansel Robles and Familia all struggled in the ninth. Familia gave up two hits, but got Yelich for his 29th save in 34 chances.

David Phelps (4-8) was the loser.

Diamondbacks 11, Nationals 4

In Washington, Washington reliever Aaron Barrett threw away a bunt in the sixth inning and Arizona quickly broke away, handing the Nationals their fifth loss in six games.

Down 11-2 in the ninth, the pitching-rich Nationals resorted to putting utilityman Tyler Moore on the mound. He retired the first batter he faced, Arizona star Paul Goldschmidt, on an RBI groundout.

Goldschmidt, Ender Inciarte and A.J. Pollock each got three of Arizona's 17 hits. Welington Castillo added his sixth homer in nine games.

The Nationals dropped two games behind the New York Mets in the NL East division. Arizona has won nine of 13.

Rubby De La Rosa (9-5) went five innings for the win. Barrett (3-3) was the loser.

Dodgers 4, Phillies 3

In Philadelphia, Yasiel Puig hit a three-run home run, Brett Anderson allowed one run in six innings and Los Angeles beat Philadelphia.

Howie Kendrick had three hits to help the Dodgers win for the fifth time in six games.

Jeff Francoeur homered for Philadelphia. The Phillies lost for only the fourth time in their last 17 games. They still have the worst record in baseball at 42-66.

Anderson (6-6) won for the first time since July 1. He allowed four hits, struck out five and walked two. Kenley Jansen struck out the side in a 1-2-3 ninth for his 20th save in his 21st opportunity.

Philadelphia starter Aaron Harang (5-12) was the loser.

Giants 6, Braves 1

In Atlanta, Madison Bumgarner pitched into the eighth inning, Kelby Tomlinson drove in three runs and San Francisco beat Atlanta.

Matt Duffy added a two-run double and Hunter Pence had an RBI single for San Francisco. The Giants have won 16 of 21.

Bumgarner (12-6), last year's World Series Most Valuable Player and a three-time All-Star, allowed seven hits, one run and struck out nine in 7 1-3 innings. Just two baserunners made it into scoring position against the left-hander.

Williams Perez (4-2) surrendered 10 hits, two walks and six runs in six-plus innings for the Braves, who have lost 11 of 14.

Blue Jays 9, Twins 7

In Toronto, Jose Bautista hit a grand slam, Edwin Encarnacion and Josh Donaldson homered and Toronto beat Minnesota for its fourth straight win.

Encarnacion hit a three-run drive and Donaldson added a two-run shot. Toronto has homered in 17 of 18 games since the All-Star Game break, with 10 multihomer games in that span.

Miguel Sano homered and had three RBIs for the Twins. Sano hit an RBI single and Trevor Plouffe doubled home two runs as the Twins jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first against Drew Hutchison (10-2).

Toronto answered in the bottom half against right-hander Tyler Duffey (0-1), who was making his major league debut. Troy Tulowitzki walked and Donaldson hit his 29th homer, tying a career high.

Bautista made it 6-3 in the second with his fifth career grand slam and 24th home run of the season.

Encarnacion made it 9-3 with a three-run drive off reliever J.R. Graham in the fourth, his 20th. The second-deck drive traveled an estimated 462 feet.

LaTroy Hawkins finished for his third save.

Red Sox 2, Yankees 1

In New York, Steven Wright handcuffed a torrid New York ineup with his steady supply of knuckleballs, and David Ortiz hit a colossal home run for Boston.

A costly throwing error by third baseman Chase Headley helped spoil the debut of prized Yankees pitching prospect Luis Severino, who yielded only two hits over five impressive innings.

Koji Uehara retired pinch-hitter Brian McCann with two on for his 24th save.

Alejandro De Aza hit an RBI double with two outs in the second—immediately following Headley's 18th error of the season. Ortiz connected on a 96 mph 2-0 fastball leading off the fourth, launching a drive that landed more than halfway up the elevated concrete bleachers in right field.

That was enough for Wright (5-4).

Rangers 4, Astros 3

In Arlington, Texas, Chris Gimenez hit the deciding home run and Texas held on to complete a three-game sweep of AL West-leading Houston.

After Texas scored three unearned runs in the first off Scott Kazmir (6-6), the Rangers' second started with Gimenez homering to straightaway center for a 4-0 lead. All three Houston runs were scored by players who reached on a walk.

The Rangers have won four in a row and seven of eight, moving within five games of the division lead, the closest they have been since June 30.

Texas starter Nick Martinez (7-6), the right-hander pitching on his 25th birthday, walked three and struck out one while throwing 86 pitches in a game that started with the temperature at 100 degrees.

Sam Dyson, the sixth Rangers pitcher, worked the ninth for his second career save— both since being acquired in a trade with Miami on Friday.

White Sox 6, Rays 5, 10 innings

In Chicago, Avisail Garcia hit a three-run homer in Chicago's five-run first inning and had a bases-loaded walk in the 10th to lift the White Sox past Tampa Bay.

Garcia drew the winning walk off closer Brad Boxberger (5-6).

In the 10th, Adam Eaton singled and stole second base and advanced to third when catcher Curt Casali's throw struck shortstop Asdrubal Cabrera in the ear, knocking him to the ground. Cabrera left the game later in the inning. Boxberger then intentionally walked Jose Abreu and Melky Cabrera to load the bases with one out before walking Garcia.

Chicago closer David Robertson (5-3) had four strikeouts in two hitless innings.

Evan Longoria homered for the Rays.

Orioles 7, Athletics 3, 10 innings

In Oakland, Calif., Chris Davis hit his second grand slam in 12 days with one out in the 10th inning to lead Baltimore past Oakland.

Davis hit his 28th home run and third in four games on a 3-2 pitch from Arnold Leon (0-1). It came two batters after Gerardo Parra was intentionally walked to load the bases. Caleb Joseph and Manny Machado led off the inning with singles.

Closer Zach Britton (2-0) pitched a season-high 2 1-3 scoreless innings for the victory.

Pirates 7, Cubs 5

In Pittsburgh, Gregory Polanco and Andrew McCutchen homered and Pittsburgh beat Chicago to end the Cubs' season-best winning streak at six games.

Polanco led off the first inning with a home run off Dan Haren, who was making his Cubs' debut. He then hit an RBI single to break a 4-4 tie in a decisive two-run sixth.

McCutchen hit a solo homer in the third and added a sacrifice fly in the sixth to make it 6-4.

Francisco Cervelli and Aramis Ramirez each had two hits to help the Pirates win for the 12th time in their last 15 home games at PNC Park.

Rockies 7, Mariners 5

In Denver, Michael McKenry hit a two-out, two-run homer in the 11th inning in Colorado's comeback victory over Seattle.

McKenry hit Mayckol Gauipe's 2-2 curveball into the left-field seats for his fourth home run of the season and the first walk-off hit in his career.

Seattle's Nelson Cruz doubled and singled to extend his hitting streak to 16 games, but failed to homer for the first time in six games. Franklin Gutierrez homered for the Mariners.

The Rockies' winning rally started with Ben Paulsen's one-out single off Guaipe (0-3).

Yohane Flande (2-1) pitched the 11th for the victory.

Brewers 8, Padres 5

In Milwaukee, rookie Taylor Jungmann struck out a career-high eight and allowed six hits without a walk over seven innings in Milwaukee's victory over San Diego.

Jungmann (6-3) has allowed two earned runs or fewer in eight straight starts and in all but one this season. Jonathan Lucroy, Shane Peterson and Jean Segura each drove in two runs to help Milwaukee record back-to-back wins for the first time in 15 games.

After San Diego scored three runs in the ninth off Corey Knebel, Francisco Rodriguez recorded the final out for his 25th save in as many chances.

Padres starter Ian Kennedy (6-10) gave up four earned runs on seven hits in seven innings.

Tigers 2, Royals 1

In Detroit, Matt Boyd pitched seven strong innings in his Detroit debut and Anthony Gose and Ian Kinsler hit key triples in the Tigers' victory over Kansas City.

Acquired last week from Toronto in the David Price trade, Boyd (1-2) only allowed one run on seven hits and didn't walk a batter in a career-long seven innings.

The Tigers broke a scoreless tie in the third when Gose's two-out triple over Lorenzo Cain brought home Tyler Collins. Johnny Cueto (7-7) couldn't pick up his first win for Kansas City despite only allowing two runs on five hits in seven innings.

Judge Manibusan rules Super Seniors of TOC

MARK RABAGO

Super Senior Flight champion Attorney General Edward Manibusan, left photo, and Senior Flight champion Mark Rush, right photo, pose with their carved latte stone replica trophies and bottles of Chivas Regal and organizers of the 2015 Tournament of Champions during the award banquet Sunday at the Laolao Bay Golf & Reosrt.

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Attorney General Edward Manibusan literally ruled the Super Seniors Flight of the 2015 Tournament of Champions last Sunday, less than 12 hours before Typhoon Souledor wrought havoc on the islands.

The former Superior Court chief judge made up for a pedestrian 12-over par 84 on Day 1 of the tourney Saturday by taming the greens and fairways of Laolao Bay Golf & Resort with a 3-over par 77 last Sunday despite the winds howling like there was no tomorrow.

He wound up with a two-day total of 161 to edge first day co-leader Mori Toshiyuki's 164, built around an 81 on Saturday and an 83 on Sunday.

Choul Soo Kang came away with a similar 161, as the Day 1 co-leader finished with an 81 and 83 like Toshiyuki, but settled for second runner-up honors after losing in a scorecard tiebreak.

Eli Buenaventura (166, 87-79) and Alex Tudela (168, 81-87) round up the Top 5 of the Super Seniors Flight.

Over in the Seniors Flight, Guam's Mark Rush made short work of the Kagman golf course with a 151, which tied the 20th TOC low score of Championship Flight winner 15-year-old Dong Young Lee.

Rush proved that while he's no longer a spring chicken, a senior golfer could still be impressive on the course after submitting a 79 on Day 1 and an even-par 72 on Day 2.

Returning Joe "Kamikaze" Camacho finished second with his 155 after shooting a promising 75 on Saturday. He, however, went back to clubhouse on Sunday with tail between his legs with an 8-over 80.

Rep. Tony Benavente, a CNMI Hall of Famer, came in third with his 157 (75-82), while Guam's Vic Borja and Laolao Bay course manager Tony Satur, another Hall of Famer, completed the Top 5 with their 162 (77-85) and 164 (75-89), respectively.

The results of the Ladies Flight and Ladies Low Net will be published in the *Saipan Tribune* next week.

Football is coming: 'Game of Thrones' author at Jets camp

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. (AP)—George R.R. Martin took his rightful place on the sideline at New York Jets training camp and—spoiler alert!—everyone survived.

The "Game of Thrones" author, a big Jets and Giants fan, watched the two-hour-plus practice Wednesday at the Jets' facility with his wife Parris McBride and general manager Mike Maccagnan—playing the role of the kingsguard, of course—at his side.

Decked out in a black Jets hat, black pants, T-shirt and suspenders decorated with skulls and crossbones, Martin chatted with players, fans and Jets officials who surely wanted to know the fates of characters Jon Snow, Arya Stark, Sansa Stark and Daenerys Targaryen, among others. He also sat down for a video interview with Jets left tackle, and "Game of Thrones" fan, D'Brickashaw Ferguson.

Martin wrote the "A Song of Ice and Fire" epic fantasy novels that were adapted by HBO for its Emmy-winning dramatic series "Game of Thrones." The books and series are known for major characters and fan favorites meeting their untimely, and often gruesome, demise.

"I am a big fan of Mr. Martin as a writer and I love the series, so it was a pleasure to spend the afternoon with him and his wife," Maccagnan said in a statement issued by the team. "It was great to talk Jets history with them and hear how closely they have always followed the team."

It won't be the only local sports stop for Martin, who is planning attend the Staten Island Yankees minor league baseball game Saturday night. The game will take on a "Game of Thrones" theme, with the home Yankees playing as the Staten Island Direwolves and the visiting Hudson Valley Renegades dressing in the gold and red colors of the House of Lannister.

Martin is currently in the process of writing the sixth book in the series, "The Winds of Winter," which will be followed by "A Dream of Spring." In his free time, Martin also keeps an online journal in which he blogs about whatever's on his mind, including the state of the Jets and Giants.

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Camacho, who will be entering the fight with a 16-3-0 win-loss-draw record, will be taking on Japan's Kengo Ura (13-9-2) in a lightweight matchup.

Shane Alvarez (10-2-0), meanwhile, will challenge the Philippines' Jessie Rafols (8-4-0) in a flyweight bout.

Cuki Alvarez said they were very fortunate to have been able to fly to Guam and see action in PXC 49.

"My son Shane and I were lucky enough to make it out on Cape Air/United Airlines last night (Wednesday). It was the only flight available. So we made it and we are here focusing on cutting the last few pounds before weigh-ins tomorrow (Thursday) morning at Cars Plus in Maite at 11 am," he said.

Camacho, whose parents are from Saipan, is currently based in Guam.

"Preparation was very good up until Sunday evening when the typhoon hit. We weren't able to train for a couple of days but we managed to make the best of it and persevered through the setback and are ready to dedicate this fight to the people of Saipan," the Trench Tech founder added.

Other matches in the eight-bout fight card will have Guam's Brogan Walker (1-0-0) taking on debuting Gabby Romero of the U.S., McKiana Alfred (3-2-0) squaring off against Mike Sanchez (1-1-0) in a Guam vs. Guam flyweight fight, Guam's Trevin Jones (6-4-0) opposite New Zealand's Mark Abelardo (11-3-0) in a bantamweight matchup, Tyrone Jones (4-4-0) of Guam testing the mettle of Japan's Takayuji Kobayashi (7-7-1) in a lightweight bout, Guam's Eric Gatman (2-0-0) going up against lightweight Koyomi Matsushima (2-0-0) of Japan, and newcomers Mike Puccini and Frank Meno duking it out in yet another Guam vs. Guam fight.

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the fourth and fifth innings they tried to make a push at some runs, but they left the bases loaded in both innings and were not able to capitalize on the CNMI's pitching miscues.

The Italians had a few infield hits in the game, but were never really able to get the bats going as well as they would have liked, said Coombs

He added that Italy appeared frustrated and upset after one ground ball to CNMI pitcher Nakamura when he fielded the ball and high-stepped the ball over to first and handed the ball to the first baseman rather than throwing it at the last second. He said this got the Italian team upset.

Lazio manager Fabrizio Piraino looked puzzled from his position in the third-base coach's box. Sticking his arms out with palms up, he pleaded with the umpires to do something, according to Coombs.

Despite nothing major occurring during the incident, with two outs in the seventh inning, Italy batter Piero Cianfriglia smashed the ball to right field for a base hit. He then tried to stretch it into a double and was thrown out at second base by the right fielder.

After the play, a CNMI player attempted to give Cianfriglia a high-five. Cianfriglia didn't appreciate the gesture and exchanged words with CNMI players. Coombs said this had tempers flying and eventually fists. Both dugouts cleared as players and coaches ran on to the field.

"I don't think Italy has seen this type of baseball, where my kids are very enthusiastic in the way they play," coach Juan Manibusan was quoted as saying. "Maybe they took things the wrong way, but we did not intend to do anything derogatory. It was just them cheering."

In the end, Coombs said the umpires ejected three players from Italy and three players from the CNMI. The Commonwealth lost one of its leading hitters in Tenorio, along with Nakamura and Agulto, while Italy lost Leonardo Ceppari, Bulfone, and Cianfrigua.

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prepare for the storm.

Jess Santos typified Ol'Aces' determination in exacting payback for what 670 Rollers' U17 team did in its 72-39 shellacking of the Ol'Aces' U17 team minutes before the tipoff for the U19 championship match.

Santos fired 8 of his 13 points in the first half that helped Ol'Aces take a relatively comfortable 24-15 lead at the halftime break.

Drew Palino and Jason Lampkin backstopped Santos' scintillating performance in the first 20 minutes of action by adding 6 points apiece.

670 Rollers players' feet seemed to be made out of lead from the get-go, which could be forgiven since majority of their starters actually played in the U17 finals preceding the game.

Despite battling exhaustion, U17 standouts Mike Espinosa and Mike Arciaga still paced the team in the first half with 5 and 4 points, respectively.

Ol'Aces further capitalized on the fatigue of 670 Rollers players in the second half, as they tried to run on every opportunity they had.

As a result, the Oleai-based team's lead ballooned to more than 20 points as 670 Rollers eventually waived the white flag of surrender.

Palino this time led Ol'Aces' charge with 8 points in the second half, while Lampkin and Santos added 7 and 5 more points to their totals.

Espinosa tried single-handedly to make the final score respectable, powering his way for 10 of his game-high 15 points in the second half. His partner in crime Arciaga, however, tapered off in the canto and came away with only 4 more.

Palino led Ol'Aces with 14 points, while Santos and Lampkin chipped in 13 markers each.

The awards ceremonies for the U19, U17, and U15 divisions of the 2015 NMI Rollers Basketball Tournament was supposed to be held last Sunday at the Coral Ocean Point. However, organizers postponed the banquet due to Typhoon Soudelor.

Ol'Aces 58 – Palino 14, J. Santos 13, Lampkin 13, Jones 6, Borja 4, Castillo 4, Nakashima 2, Magofna 2.

670 Rollers 35 – Espinosa 15, Arciaga 8, Factor 6, Vivero 3, Babauta, Iglecias 1.

Scoring by halves: 24-15, 58-35.

20 join Laolao junior golf program

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Participants of Laolao Bay Golf & Resort's Junior Golf and English Camp join their coaches for a group photo after last Friday's session at the Kagman golf course.

Laolao Bay Golf & Resort revived its junior camp where 20 kids, mostly Koreans, ages from 7 to 13 years old are learning golf and at the same time writing and speaking English.

The program, which was stopped two years ago, was first done in the summer according to Laolao Bay Golf course manager Tony Satur. The three-week long program started last July 20 and ends on Aug. 9.

The program is different from Laolao's Fall/Spring camp. There are six girls and 14 boys that joined the program.

"We used to have the same program a few years back but this is the first time that we held it as a summer camp. We also reserved one free slot for the Joeten Kiyu Public Library," Satur told *Saipan Tribune*.

"We have 14 during the first week of the camp and 20 in the second week. Most of the kids already know how to play, some already had formal lessons, and know the basics of golf. But there are two who are beginners," added Satur.

The CNMI Sports Hall of Famer said the campers are having a great time learning golf and about the English language.

"Some are taking playing golf seriously. They are working hard on their game and we noticed improvements," Satur said.

Campers learn about skills, safety, and etiquette from 9am to 12noon while English lessons start after the lunch break.

Campers had a half-day session at the driving range on Tuesday while they played for nine holes at Laolao's east course. They played a full 18 holes, also at the east course, yesterday.

Satur said he is thankful that the program earned the full support of Laolao Golf Resort president Kim Chang Ho.

Satur, veteran parbusters J.J. Atalig, Joe "Kamikaze" Camacho, Jenny Hegland, Kang Seung Woo, and Jack San Nicolas are the coaches of the junior golf program.

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The 3rd Annual Guam International Marathon welcomed over 3,200 runners across the marathon, half marathon, 10K, and 5K events last year.

Guam marathon to open registration for 4th annual event

» 2000 Olympic gold medalist Takahashi to return as GIM ambassador

TUMON, Guam—The Guam Visitors Bureau, along with Pacific Islands Club Guam and United Airlines announced the opening of registration and some exciting changes in store for the 2016 Guam International Marathon. The 4th Annual Guam International Marathon is organized by Guam Sports Events and will take place on Sunday, April 10, 2016. Event organizers will again welcome 2000 Sydney Games Olympic gold medalist, Naoko Takahashi as event Ambassador and look forward to announcing additional features and added value for 2016 GIM race participants.

The 3rd Annual Guam International Marathon welcomed over 3,200 runners across the marathon, half marathon, 10K and 5K events and the 2016 event anticipates a growth in both local and international participation. The fourth annual event will culminate with the GIM Finish Line and Finisher's Festival capitalizing on the beauty of Ypao Beach and scenic Tumon bay. The expanded post-race Finisher's Festival will begin at 6:30am and will feature numerous food and beverage concessions, cultural activities and live entertainment.

This Guam International Marathon event includes 5K, 10K, Half Marathon (13.1 miles) and Marathon (26.2 miles) race distances. All courses have been officially certified by the IAAF (International Association of Athletic Federations) and AIMS (Association of International Marathons and Distance Races). This designation means that marathon runners may use this as a qualifying event for the Boston Marathon.

Registration is available online at www.guaminternationalmarathon.com or at the PIC Front Desk. Early bird registration fees are available to online registrants now through Aug. 8, 2015. Complete event details can be found on the official event website. Participants are encouraged to follow the event's social media pages for the latest information and promotions. ***(PR)***

2nd Marianas Paddlefest on Aug. 29 and 30

With the success of its first event last June, OceanSoul Society, in collaboration with Windsurfing Saipan and Hyatt Regency Saipan, will hold the Marianas Paddlefest—Race #2 on Aug. 29 and 30 at the Hyatt Regency beachside.

The first day of the two-day event will involve stand-up paddling clinics conducted by former Olympian and accomplished paddler Sean Pangelinan

The first session is scheduled from 10am to 12pm and will be focusing on youth paddlers 16 years and under. The second clinic will take place from 1pm to 3pm and is for paddlers 17 years and older. The cost for the adult clinic is $10 per person. Space for the clinic is limited and contact oceansoulunlimited@gmail.com to sign up.

The actual race will then be held on Day 2 of the second edition of the Marianas Paddlefest. It will involve the men's triangle course, women's triangle course, youth triangle course, and mixed three-person relay.

The competition will have a total of seven divisions—youth 8-12, 12 under, 14 under, 16 under, open 17 and over, masters 50 and over, and relay.

Registration for race day starts at 10am followed by a pre-race briefing at 11am. The kids SUP race commences at 11:15am followed by the adults SUP race at 11:45am. The kids relay kicks off after lunch at 1pm followed by adult relay at 2pm and awards at 3pm.

Boards will be available for use on race day through Windsurfing Saipan for $5 and maximum board length for racers is 12 feet.

Adult and youth courses will be set up and all events will include a running beach finish of approximately 40-50 meters.

Relay teams will be required to have at least one female or one 14-and-under racer on the team.

Race shirts with assigned numbers will be provided at the check in tent on the morning of the race (included in registration fee)

Similar to the June event, participants can register at Windsurfing Saipan, which is located on the north side of the Hyatt Regency beachside. Registration is $15 for youth (8-16 years old) and $25 for adults (17 and over) with a registration deadline of Aug. 26.

In addition, a practice course will be set up every Sunday from 2pm to 4pm up until race day at the Hyatt beachside for anyone interested in coming out to give it a go and prepare for race day.

These practice sessions started last Sunday, Aug. 2, and will take place through Aug. 23.

Proceeds from Marianas Paddlefest—Race #2 will go to future events geared toward keeping our youth active through paddlesports.

Feel free to send a message to oceansoulunlimited@gmail.com or windspn@me.com for any inquiries on this event. You can also get info and updates on the event by checking out the OceanSoul Society Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/OceansoulUnlimited.

Marianas Paddlefest—Race #2 is being made possible by Northern Marianas College-Cooperative Research, Extension and Education Service, Bank of Hawaii, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Windsurfing Saipan, JET Holdings, Triple J Enterprises, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, and KKMP RADIO 92.1. ***(Mark Rabago)***

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Participants of the Marianas Paddlefest last June await the signal for the start of their race in the waters off Hyatt Regency Saipan.

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CNMI eliminates Italy in heated game

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The CNMI Senior All-Stars had a laser-like focus in eliminating Italy, 8-4, to advance to the loser's "B" bracket finals of the 2015 Senior World Series yesterday at the Shawn T. Mansfield in Bangor, Maine.

The CNMI team was able to tune out news of utter destruction back home where Typhoon Souledor's furious winds pummeled the CNMI into submission last Sunday.

The champions of the Asia-Pacific Regional Tournament last month won their debut against Italy Sunday before bowing down against host team Old Town the next day.

According to 2015 Senior World Series official website (www.worldseries.bangorinfo.com) communications staff Sam Coombs the game between the Asia-Pacific and Europe-Africa champions was an interesting one, to say the least.

In a game punctuated by an exclamation point with two outs in the seventh inning, Coombs said the CNMI came out on top and at the same dashed Lazio, Italy's World Series championship hopes.

He said match started with the CNMI's bats connecting with a few base hits early. Franklin Lizama, Nathan Camacho, and Richard Atalig got the Commonwealth going and helped the Asia-Pacific champs get an early 2-0 lead.

Camacho took the mound for Saipan, and despite walking two in the first inning came out unscathed, according to Coombs.

The CNMI went right back at it in the second inning, tacking three more runs on the board with hits from Virgil Secharmidal, Anthony Agulto, Roke Tenorio, and Franko Nakamura.

Coombs said the CNMI showed its balanced offensive attack in the first two innings by having seven hits by seven different batters while scoring five runs. The Commonwealth led 5-1 after two innings and would cruise throughout to capture a victory.

The official website's communication staff said in spite of the loss, Italy put up a good fight and was well disciplined at the plate.

The Europe-Africa champs finished the game with eight hits and also walked eight times. In

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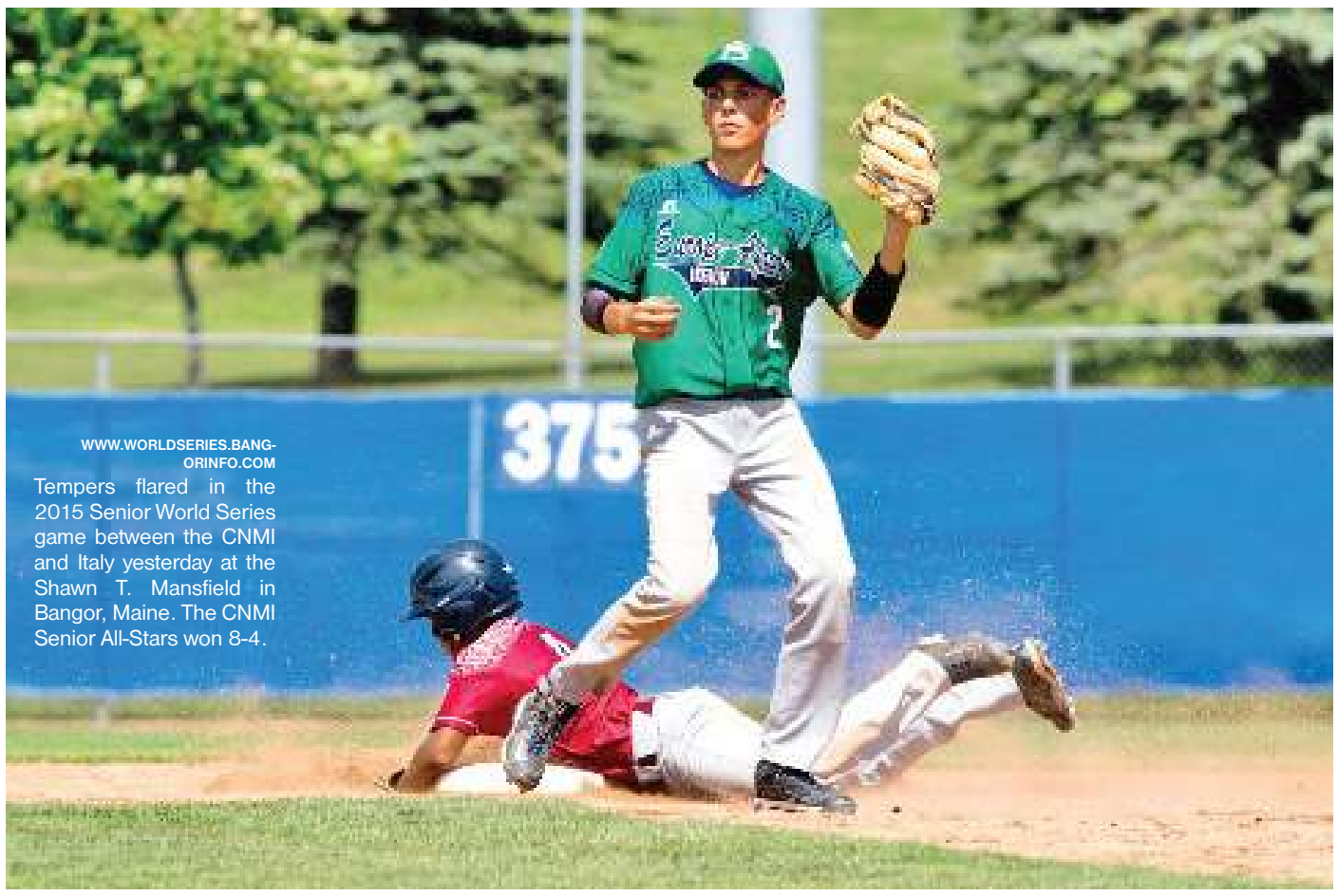

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Tempers flared in the 2015 Senior World Series game between the CNMI and Italy yesterday at the Shawn T. Mansfield in Bangor, Maine. The CNMI Senior All-Stars won 8-4.

'The Crank' and 'Pikaboo' dedicating fights to CNMI

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Local mixed martial artists Frank "The Crank" Camacho and Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez will have the CNMI people in their minds and in their hearts when they take on separate opponents in PXC 49 set for tonight at the University of Guam Field House.

In the aftermath of Typhoon Souledor's destructive path through the Commonwealth, which has left hundreds without homes and thousands injured, Trench Tech Gym owner Cuki Alvarez said both Camacho and his son would be dedicating their fights to the CNMI people.

"Saipan suffered major devastation. It will take many months to fully recover. Many families and friends lost everything. This has affected us (Shane, Frank, and myself) immensely both mentally and emotionally and even spiritually, especially since it happened right in the middle of our final preparation before heading to Guam to represent our island. It's bittersweet leaving our home during a time we feel they need us the most, however, this incident has also driven us and has burned our fighting desire to do the best we can and represent our islands even more to show our fighting spirit, out resilience, our determination, and our humility to come back stronger than ever," the elder Alvarez told *Saipan Tribune* via Facebook.

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FACEBOOK
Frank "The Crank" Camacho, left, and Japan's Kengo Ura strike a pose during a media event for tonight's PXC 49 in Guam.

Ol'Aces exacts revenge on Rollers in U19 finals

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After its U17 team lost to Rollers in the finals, Ol'Aces got a measure of revenge when its U19 team pummeled 670 Rollers, 58-35, in the senior division championship game of the 2015 NMI Rollers Basketball Tournament last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

While nobody expected the devastation brought by Typhoon Soudelor last Sunday night, Ol'Aces seemed to be on mission to get the game all over with as soon as possible so everybody can go home and

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Ol'Aces' Dizon Magofna goes up for a floater against a 670 Rollers defender during their championship game in the 2015 NMI Rollers Basketball Tournament last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.